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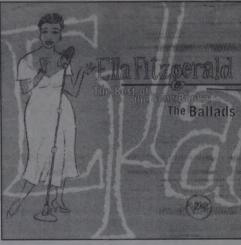
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# Heading for cellular collapse

# Vue from the top

When mankind evolved, humans interacted through speech. To communicate, people had to be within earshot of each other. Then came the telephone, which allowed humans to talk to each other by dialing a seven-digit number.

Soon, the phone number became a step on the social ladder for new acquaintances. Trading phone numbers became our sociological mating call. AT&T and Bell became mega-corporations. Teenagers had them surgically attached to their heads. That first phone call to a significant other—the one where you dial and then hang up the first couple of times before working up the nerve to actually talk to the person on the other end—became mankind's choice for contact. Your social status was judged by the number of messages left on your answering machine.

With the rise of the telephone came the onslaught of another demon. Personal credit. Soon, you could buy almost anything by dialing in the right number and reading out a credit card number. Concert tickets. Pizza. Psychic advice. Sex. More sex.

Soon, every industrialized nation on the globe became an indebted society. People throughout the western world started making minimum payments, month after month, for purchases made years before.

Disposable incomes continue to shrink—the credit system creates a drain on the economy. Person A spends X amount of dollars, artificially provided at a keystroke by a large multinational. Meanwhile, Person B, who sold the merchandise, and Person C, who made the goods, need to be paid—and they don't take credit. So, the money has to come from somewhere—out of thin air, perhaps.

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Meanwhite, Ferson A has to pay a high interest rate for the money (s)he borrowed. This money usually doesn't remain in the country Person A lives in. When Person A draws wages, the money isn't injected into the economy; it goes to pay off debts which artificially jump-started the economy a decade ago. That's why western economies go through the hiccups known as recessions; sooner or later, people have to catch up with their credit loads.

But, the credit society has just begun. The phone is passé. Now, we have the internet. So we can spend our credit allowances on things like cybersex, cybermusic, cyberchatlines, cybergambling and cyberpizza (not yet, but give those Silicon Valley-types a couple of years to hammer out a prototype). So, the rise of the web will have one nasty side effect. "A" credit ratings will turn into "B" credit ratings. More families will declare bankruptcy. Banks will rake in even bigger profits, draining more disposable income from the real economy.

Maybe, just maybe, the government should undertake a massive project before getting down to the business of paying off the debt. Maybe it should allocate funds to pay off the credit debts of Canadians—so we can all have a clean slate and be free of the compound interest monster. That will go a lot further to improving the economy than making payments on an institutional deficit.

The Internet is coming, and for those people who believe a credit card is a licence to spend ("wow! I've got more cash! Visa just raised my credit limit by \$500!"), its shopping cybermall will prove a temptation too tough

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# Yesterday's take on Whyte Ave.

aturday night on Whyte. In a patch of rough grass beside the CPR station, a few feet back from the sidewalk, silhouettes of two men kneeling over a motion-

Their voices don't sound worried but we saunter over, just in case

The body is that of a clean-cut young man, barely conscious, lying on his side, mumbling faintly and wearing a stupid grin. Around his crotch, his jeans sport a large, dark, soaking wet stain

In my best ersatz fatherly tone. I warn his friends to make sure he doesn't choke on his own vom-

"Don't worry man, he'll be fine. He was just like this last Friday."

Down the road at Sherlock Holmes, the bouncers are sporting

nifty wireless headsets. Looking like displaced Monday Night Foot ball coaches, they engage in intense dialogue with invisible superiors who are presumably ensconced, surrounded by closed-circuit TV screens, in some hidden control room.

Inside the carefully-fabricated period English bar, the youthful patrons are getting rowdy, drowning out the guy with the keyboard and drum machine.

In the Black Dog, the Ave nue's other "authentic English" watering hole, it's much the same story. "Get me another fucking beer!" one teenager shouts at the waitress, while his friend manages to ignite his cigarette lighter by scraping it down his cheek, apparently earning the undying devotion of a giggling coterie of female admirers.

By 10 p.m. most weekend nights, there's a line-up outside the door. At least the Dog's bouncers still rely on persuasion and physique rather than high technology.

From the outside, the Strath looks much as it did early in the century, when it was the swanky hotel at the end of the Calgary-Edmonton railroad.

When I first came to town 15 years ago, ageless red-waistcoated waiters presided with solemn efficiency over the beverage needs of a motley but peaceable crowd ranging from seedy seniors to freshfaced students

The gentle hubbub of conversation would occasionally be interrupted by a roar of laughter or derision, usually emanating from the tables in the middle of the bar which were invariably populated by a clutch of armchair socialist philosophers.

### Mom tore my jeans

These days, those guys are strictly part of the "where are they gone now" game we play when former Edmontonians visit from out of town.

In their place sit swarms of loud, intoxicated youngsters, each dressed in grunge's tattered denim uniform—a look spoiled by the fact the jeans always appear suspiciously clean, as if they just fell out of Mom's tumble dry-er. It's impossible to carry on a conversation and we repair to the Commercial.

Ah! The Comical. An oasis in

the desert of plastic bonhomie which is Whyte Avenue circa

Behind its black doors the crowd dances to timeless blues rhythms, seemingly unaware of the generational revolution going on all around

Whether it's the imposing shad-ow of the black Harleys parked outside or the bad publicity of last year's notorious murder linked with the hotel, rare is the young partier who ventures inside. Those who do soon realize that swearing at the waitress can save a bundle of money. You'll never have to hire Jack Kevorkian.

But even the rebels can't turn back time. Sooner or later, the smoky old place will be bought up by a holding company listed on the Alberta Stock Exchange:

The geezers living upstairs will be herded off to an old folks home, the ceiling opened up to cathedral dimensions and walls stripped down to the bare brick, punctured with panoramic windows. And one day, from behind the construction hoardings, the butterfly will

No longer the Commercial Hotel, that ugly caterpillar. Now... a beautiful brew pub

And the kids will pour in, past the headsetted bouncers, to a new playroom where they can drink til they puke and scream all they will, nary a bike jacket in sight.



# Tory book-fudging erases debt

Whew! Saved at the 11th hour by King Ralph and Prince Dinning. Don't you find yourself utterly awash with an overwhelming sense of gratitude?

After three years of the harshest government spending cuts ever experienced anywhere in Canada our provincial monarchs have final ly decided we peons deserve a halfay-decent medicare system after all. Education has also been deemed worthy of "reinvestment." Same with low-income seniors. Oh, goody

But to hell with the poor. Welfare recipients will still have to wander the streets in search of more gruel, via the food banks.

Well, geez, poor people don't vote, do they? So why include them in the "reinvestment" picture? Just a bunch of lazy, invisible bums anyway, right?

What of all those deficit budgets of the last two years? Funny how projected half-billion dollar deficits turned into billion dollar surpluses two years in a row, eh?

You and I might charge that our rulers manipulated their revenue and expenditure forecasts so that they could be sure there would be surpluses which they then bad to dedicate to accumulated debt reduction because of a law they had created (and which the so

called Opposition supported).

Gosh, no! Prince Dinning will tell you. They just got lucky with

oil prices. It's just a little windfall. And the money they are now prepared to "reinvest" is merely the savings accrued on interest payments, because they were lucky enough to have the excess funds to apply to the debt.

Yep, and I'm the tooth fairy. The subtitle to their news release of June 24 should have read, "Move Over Machiavelli.

What has unfolded here is the most manipulated political agenda I have ever seen in a modern democracy. Keep in mind I lived in Britain during the early Thatcher years-even the Iron Lady couldn't have pulled off one like this

Our provincial monarchs plan to have their cake and eat it too. And it will work, too, unless you decide to (please) clip and keep columns like this to remind you what really happened, in readiness for the next election.

Three years ago, Klein and his merry band of bluebloods were shouting deficit hysteria from the rafters. They said the accumulated debt was over \$30 billion. It would take 25 years to pay it down and all of us were going to have to make

Now they are saying, when you subtract the government's assets from the ledger and the payments they have made, the actual debt was less than half of what they said during the 1993 campaign and, gee, with their brilliant management, the total paydown time isonly 13 years.

In the meantime, who really paid the bill? The poor, the elderly, the sick and infirm, students of all ages. Not to mention the people who lost their jobs, took serious pay cuts and the working poor.

Also hit were systems that took decades to build, particularly health care. While the blood was on the floor, needing a thorough mopping up, the government told us there was no money to do so. Worse yet, they chanted their predictable mantra: "throwing money at the problem" is no solution.

Funny how nearly \$400 million in new "reinvestment" spending no longer computes to "throwing money at the problem.

But don't count on this kinder, gentler approach to finances being a sign of a fall election. The new money for some people's services doesn't actually kick in until next year. And they will want to reannounce the same new "reinvestment" dollars at least one more time, in the form of the next provincial budget Of course, it will be the same dollars, but our magnificent budget gods have stooped to chicanery on many occasions before.

In fact, they have perfected the

Your mission, dear voter, should you choose to accept it, is to remember all this when the next election is called. And then decide if these master manipulators are worthy of the thrones they cure

# **UI** is dead

# A word of advice: don't lose your job

COMMENTARY

### Part 3 in a series

Unemployment Insurance is dead. The Senate passed Bill C-12 last week and Employment Insurance is a legislative reality in Canada.

UI, with little support from the Opposition and a blind eye from the mainstream media, passed quietly into the night.

In last week's article, it was shown that the changes to UI under Bill C-12 are intended to punish those who have the greatest need for UI, primarily seasonal and cyclical workers and new entrants into the workforce.

In the first article, it was demonstrated that these changes are financially unnecessary as the UI system, a self-funding program paid for entirely by employer and employee premiums, shows a healthy surplus of \$688 million for 1995.

This week's article examines labor's perspective on the changes to UI.

### A Labor Perspective

Bill C-12 is a "dreadful piece of legislation" according to Bob Blakely, president of the Alberta Building Trades Council. "C-12 is particularly bad for workers whose vocations don't offer steady employment and new entrants into the workforce.

It undermines the principles of universality and ahistoricity(that claim history should have no bearing on eligibility), it fundamentally changes the partnership entered into by employers and employees. It aims to end a way of life in Atlantic Canada.

In some cases, it actually subverts its own intention of getting people to accept short-term work when it becomes available. All in all, "it provides the least to those who need it most."

Apart from the continued cuts in UI benefits, Blakely notes that three of the changes are specifically bad for seasonal workers and cyclical workers, including one which also harms new entrants into the workforce.

"C-12's clawback provision, the divisor rule and the new worker and re-entrant rules are real killers."

The clawback provision hits workers both at the beginning and the end of an employment cycle. The clawback provision taxes back benefits from workers' wages in when they find jobs, continuing for up to five years if they earn over \$39,000 per year.

"It effectively changes their UI benefits into loans which undermines the notion that EI is an insurance system," says Blakely.

The divisor rule punishes workers whose work occurs in small clumps rather than in large blocks. It can reduce a worker's benefits

by up to 95 per cent because it doesn't count any earnings made more than six months previous to the benefits application.

Blakely notes "it can actually punish people who work more by decreasing their weekly benefits."

People can now receive different benefits for the same amount of work at the same pay, depending on when a person has worked.

The new entrant and re-entrant provisions make it more difficult for those who suffer the most from high unemployment to receive benefits by demanding that they work more weeks than general EI applicants to receive the same benefits.

### Cooperative UI

"The UI system should be turned over to the stakeholders," says Blakely.

He believes that employers and employees should run UI as they are best able to determine what is necessary and possible. Further, this prevents the government from using the surplus to pay down the deficit.

### Good-bye to the base

Blakely sees the changes incorporated in El as a harbinger for a new wave of immigration from Atlantic Canada. He says, "you cannot live like that anymore. You have to move. The way of life of the family fisherman is to be destroyed, just like the life of the family farm disappeared in the 1950s."

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## THE WHYTE AVENUE INCIDENT

Re: "Justice a no-go for Whyte victim" (Vue Weekly, June 20-26, 1996)

A long time ago, when I was a fairly fit teenager, I stopped three guys from beating up a man. Later in life I made an irrevocable decision: I would never do that again. As a matter of fact, I would never risk my own life trying to save anyone, except, of course, immediate family members I was on good terms with at the time.

In spite of this decision, your story has roused in me a few thoughts about what I would have done had I been there:

• what stopped some bystander from doing what Oscar Wildesaid he would do if he saw someone being sodomized: "I would attempt to interpose my body between the attacker and the victim." In other words, why didn't someone try to protect the victim, at the least by lying down on him and absorbing the blows?

 what stopped five or six of those bystanders from jumping the attacker? The man was drunk. He may have been able to fight/kick sober, but unless he had stepped out of the Strath's telephone booth wearing a cape, he wasn't invincible.

· what stopped the whole group of bystanders, other than idle curiousity about the condition of the victim and the excitement of the scene, from following the attacker? The police may have been short-staffed but the old British tradition of "hue and cry" is still in effect. Besides, anyone in that crowd (well, any five or six) would have been justified (one of the few justifiable occations) in making a "citizen's arrest" because they had actually witnessed an indictable offence (attempted murder)

What the hell is going on? Where is Kitty Genovese when we really need her?

David Ferrier Old Strathcona Resident

### CAUSE OR EFFECT?

(Re: "The right to get lung cancer, Vue Weekly June 20-26, 1996) You really against smoking?

I'll tell you something. I'm a non-smoker. But, it is my view that the reason people smoke is not that smoking causes cancer, but that people who are prone to cancer have a tendency to smoke. People who are prone to cancer smoke, not people who smoke are prone to cancer.

Do you know what I mean? Secondhand smoke? Sure! That's because people who like inhaling secondhand smoke, even though they don't admit it, are prone to cancer as well, and thus try to get the smoke without smoking. However, because they don't actually smoke, they have a tendency to have the cancer in their lungs grow faster than real

Thank you.

smokers.

Mike Ferguson Edmonton



# Jazz sites require timing

be invaded by the be-bop ping artists of jazz from around the world. To mark the occasion, we'll examine some of the choice websites for jazz festivals

Let us start close to home with our very own Jazz City's web <a href="http://www.discover">http://www.discover</a> edmonton.com/jazzcity>. site, while nothing particularly special or innovative, provides some timely information, with the schedules in tabled format. As well, for your home viewing pleasure, they also have the schedules in a non-table format which you can download to your very own

Graphically speaking, the background was a little dark, making the text difficult to read, so I went in search of a eyes-friendly web site

And I found it at the Victoria Jazz Festival <a href="http://www.vic jazz.bc.ca/Jazzfest96index What an attractive site These folks have certainly gone allout with their image mucking tools putting out some very attractive backgrounds and buttons

But I was disappointed that I couldn't search through the artists appearing at the festival, such as Owen Howard.

And so, I went to the grandaddy of all jazz festivals in Canada, Le Festival International de Jazz Montréal <http://www

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montrealjazzfestival.world linx.com>. The Search function allowed me to browse by artist name or do a full text search ("be-bop" for example). As well, I could search a particular venue, a particular day, or keep my searches confined to indoor venues. Finally, if your search produced something, you can then get more information on the artist (nothing special here-you can do this at any of the jazz festival sites), the venue, or the date the gig is being played.

Next, I visited the Ottawa Jazz Festival's site (the winner of the short URL award) at <a href="http:// jazz.ottawa.com/>. While this site doesn't have searching capability, it has pretty much everything else. There are contests in which you can win Jazz Fest Tickets. If you're feeling generous, they also accept donations to the festival. I was also able to read the newsletter put out by the society that produc es the festival.

By virtue of the fact that Edmonton's Jazz Fest is one of the latest in the season, a lot of the events being advertised on these web sites have already taken place. But, if you rush to a plane right now, you just might be able to catch Dee Daniels and the Renee Rosnes Quartet in Victoria.

Well, what are you waiting for?

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# Pride Week recap, part deux

BY ARAXI ARSLAHIAM

Shall I compare thee to a sum-mer's day?

No. I don't think so. It was colder than Bill Smith's you-knowwhat at the Pride rally this Satur-

But let's save the bitching for dessert.

For those of you who missed The Celluloid Closet at the Princess Thursday, give yourselves a collective smack on the bum. Bad! Bad!

With an opening act called Queens To Supremes, composed of Edmonton's newest and truest drag sensations, everything was set for a party. Aside from some lack of rhythm on the part of the far-left Supreme, love was definitely in

Based on a book by the late Vito Russo, The Celluloid Closet chronicles the evolution of homosexual images in popular media. Beginning with the "sissy," a popular stock character for the first half of the century who served the dual purpose of making the men look more manly/ladies more womanly with his uncertain sexuality (A Thousand And One Nights). Sissies ranged from limp-wristed vapidity to overt flouncing with Max Factor facials. Lesbians, on the other hand, tended to be gaunt-cheeked gothic villains (Dracula's Daughter) and leathery prison matrons, preying on nubile girlies in the dark of the night.

Then there was my favorite '50s trend... the homos aren't villains anymore, but lost souls consumed

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by self-loathing at their unnatural appetites (The Children's Hour). They usually offed themselves if they weren't being hit by cars or mowed down with bullets (Rebel Without A Cause).

By the '70s, we weren't killing ourselves anymore. We were killing each other and the occasional heterosexual (Cruising). We were nutbars on poppers and thank God people like James Caan were around to blow our brains on a stadium bathroom wall before we ran for office or something.

The 1990s now allow us to own cars, have kids, have jobs we enjoy and long-term relationships. No kissy-kissy between boys, though. Then it's tagged an ART film. Ugh. But ladies, lesbo yourselves till ya drop 'cause it sells like Evian when they think you've peed in the drinking water.

Yav!

June 21st! Orlando Books cele brated the launch of Fiona Nelson's new book The Lesbian Motherbood, a survey of experiences of over 30 women. Womonspace had its Pub Night Fundraiser for Pride 97 at Shakespeare's Dart & Rumpus Room. Northern Chaps had their BBQ Social at Boots & Saddle. The Edmonton Pride Pages, a business directory of lesbigays and friends, was launched at The Cook And Gardener

Didn't see it. Didn't go. My leather gaunch was at the cleaner's. Didn't want to because Calgary's is better.

June 22nd!

I promised to start on a positive note

Edmonton Vocal Minority headlined at the Pride Concert and Awards at Convocation Hall. The first half was fabulous, folks.

In Praise Of Our Loves by Rich ard Saint Clair took us musically through the triumphs and struggles of our most defining emotion.

The Michael Phair Award was received by Barry Breau, founding member of AIDS Network and Dignity Edmonton. The latter advocates the acceptance of gays in the Catholic Church of Edmonton.

Maureen Irwin Award recipi ent Lorna Murray has fought the good fight on all political levels over the years. She is also a found-

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Other acknowledgments went to Todd Janes and Kristi Harcourt (Gay Wire, Queeries), Denis-Martin Chabot for his work for samesex benefits at the CBC, the Ain't That Queer Collective for Bruised (dealing with lesbian battering), the Queer-Act-Queer Conference at the U of A, Latitude 53 (The Fag Project), and the Catalyst Theatre for Loud and Queer

Now, the rally.

A hearty group showed up despite the weather. Phair and Murray spoke eloquently of the eternal struggle. We celebrated the Phibbs-Higgins decision, an Ontario Court ruling that Phibbs could adopt her lesbian partner's son. The Supreme Court of Canada ruled that sexual orientation is protected under the Charter Of Rights and Freedoms. Businesses such as Bell Canada, Northern Telecom, Dow Chemical and the Bank of Montreal have been quietly handing out benefits to their same sex employee couples

Cool, you may think. We've got this in the bag. Perhaps that would explain the less-than stellar turnout at the rally. You had stuff to do It was just gonna be the same old thing as last year. After all, it's the job of activists to change things for us, right? We Edmontonians have a proud tradition in the likes of Phair, Murray, the Pride Award recipients and every single soul at Saturday's chilly rally.

But. Is Bill C-33 law?

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Every other province except Alberta, P.E.I. and Newfoundland outlaw sexual discrimination.

There's also that little unpleas antness called the Delwin Vriend case. Remember him? Oh you don't Let me enlighten you, Gentle Read-

The Alberta Government and its Courts ruled that Kings College could fire instructor Vriend when information about his sexual orientation came to light. Just like that. Game over.

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# **Subtle but distinctive**

# Men's fashions speak softly

FASHION BY RYAN

n the past, men's fashion has celebrated the technofreak, the strung-out street hustler and the frilly dandies.

A close look at men's fashion indicates those days are long gone.

Carrying over the trend of minimalism from women's wear, style for men does not scream fashion but simply states one's direction of style.

Kevin Mohan, manager and buyer for Hank's, explains. "Fashion is quieter for summer. It's about having someone wonder what made you stand out, rather than spotting it 10 feet away."

Blending in but still standing out is key for dressers who think switching toothpastes is a big risk. Fooling with one's image is simply too testy for some.

Men are willing to gamble with fabrics. Polyester and other synthetic fabrics are resurging in the marketplace. Well-constructed linen jackets and pants are also competing for the consumer's attention.

"Polyester and synthetics tend to be more youthful in their appeal, mainly because of price point. Linen is a very expensive fabric to manufacture and it drives retail prices up," comments Mohan.

Polyester is remembered as greasy, scratchy and sticky. Now, science and technology has reduced the shortcomings of polyester.

Synthetic fabrics are gaining ground; linen continues to surface like a fair-weather friend.

"Linen goes in and out all the time. With our small window of warm weather, it's not as strong as it would be in a warmer city. Yet, guys overlook this because linen carries a certain attitude that really sets them apart," says Mohan.

While linen and polyester compete for popularity this summer, they are not interchangeable.

Linen is easily recognized and accepted. It's more uptown, relaxed and hip. Polyester does not have an ease about it. It is designed to hold shape and form. And no matter how it's modified, some people will



Fashion: Colour Blind, metallic shirt with military-inspired four-button jacket. model: Brian Parker, Mode Models.

always think polyester is nothing more than a clothing

A good benchmark is this. Linen for subtle, quiet impressions and polyester for fiercer, more vocal expressions.

Mohan explains: "Now that polyester is more functional, it is not taboo to wear it. Yet, in work settings, you'd be better off with linen."

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Owen Howard: bringing a little Mill Woods to Manhattan.

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et's do an informal tally sheet, comparing the second largest city in North America with our glorious frozen

Eight million New Yawkahs, compared with around 650,000 E-towners. They have Long Island, we have Vegreville. They have an atrocious crime rate, we have a fory government. They have some truly fabulous musicians, but we had them first.

Such is the case with drummer Owen Howard. Howard was born here, grew up here, graduated from McNally High School and started his music studies at the local jazz musician assembly line, Grant MacEwan Community College.

By day, he studied classical percussion at GMCC. By night he was out prowling the jazz club circuit, backing

up local pianist and composer Bill Emes.

"It was good to go [to GMCC], it covered a lot of ground," says Howard.

He points out that "for me, it was really important to take other education."

And so Howard threw himself into gigging around Edmonton for a few years, essentially "saving up enough

money to move to New York."

in the summer of 1988, a few years after he left Grant MacEwan, Howard was invited to study at the very prestigious Banff Summer Jazz Workshop, under the tutelage of bassist Dave Holland. That summer stands out in Howard's memory for many reasons. First, it was "then that I realized that I had to move to New York."

As well, playing with a musician such as Dave Holland leaves an indelible impression. Howard is still awestruck years later. He describes the experience as "incredible."

After he suitably recovered from the Banff experience, he visited New York in the first three months of 1989. There, he "studied with Adam Nussbaum, sort of hung out, and auditioned for the New School [for Jazz and Contemporary Music]."

Howard was accepted and started studying in the fall of 1989 with the help of a Canada Council grant. While at the New School, he hooked up with his present compatriots (guitarist Brad Shoeppach, trumpeter Phil Grenadier) and studied with drummer Billy Hart and composer Kenny Werner.

At the New School, Howard encountered the positive effects of peer pressure. When your fellow students "are playing great, it inspires you to do the same."

It's a credit to Howard that he was able to work as a musician in New York after graduating, admittedly one of the most difficult towns for musicians. Howard was able to survive by keeping the "big picture" in mind. In fact, that's a technique he uses today.

"I'm planting seeds to get stuff happening three years from now," he forecasts.

It was the release of his first CD as a bandleader in 1995 that really got the ball rolling. Sojourn, featuring all of his friends from the New School, has garnered high praise from critics and audiences alike. Called "terrific" and "elaborate," Sojourn is a noteworthy recording.

"I'm starting to get calls I wouldn't get before, just 'cause somebody heard my CD," imparts Howard. As a result, he is "just on the edge of starting to actually make a living playing music."

Howard's classical percussion training at GMCC shows through on the disc, as he treats the drum kit as a tonal instrument, rather than a solely rhythmic one. He is forever carrying on conversations with the soloists, using the Ed Blackwell sense of free time.

Howard explains his fascination with the freer rhythmic structure on Sojourn. All of the drummers who make a real difference, asserts Howard, don't play a "background kind of drumming." He cites Tony Williams, Eldon

Jones, and Paul Motion as being all "really aggressive drummers

'One of the worst insults is to be told to just keep time." Howard bristles. "That's very hard for me."

He acknowledges that "sometimes you have to [keep time]," but wonders "if it's my own band, why do I have to do that?"

Howard's experience in the big seat has put him face to face with dilemmas that have plagued bandleaders since cave men started syncopation with two rocks

"You can control things, but at the same time you can't." he puzzles.

He eventually concludes that "with these musicians, I just really want to let them do their thing, 'cause there's so much stuff that can happen." Therefore, trying to control their solos would be "wrong." After all, "if anything's going to happen, I'm going to let it happen."

What's in the future for Owen Howard? New York, for sure. He married a young lady from upstate New York, and New York's music scene is starting to employ Howard's band regularly. As well, a second disc is in the offing.

"I just finished writing a bunch of new tunes for the new disc," glows Howard, some of which we will hear when he swings through town

Possibly, there could be a performance of the Edmon ton Band in New York, featuring Howard, pianist John Stetch and guitarist Mike Rud

"We keep threatening to play, but it never happens."
New York might have great things going for it, just so long as it remembers that Owen Howard came from Edmonton, Alberta, Canada.

Dwen Howard Quintet Yardbird Suite July 3-4

# Lovano loves his song-book

BY KEM ILCISH



axophonist and Blue Note recording artist Joe Lovano has no qualms about hyping himself. With two Grammy-nominated albums and numerous accolades from Jazz magazines, his penchant for self-promotion is understandable.

He is extremely proud of his latest recording, Live at the Village Vanguard. Recorded with two different quartets, it is a double album which presents the various dynamics of his playing. The first disc presents him using three types of saxophones while interacting with Tom Harrell on trumpet and flugelhorn, Anthony Cox on bass and Billy Hart on drums. The other session features Lovano playing tenor saxophone while backed up by planist Mulgrew Miller, Christian McBride on bass and percussionist Lewis Nash.

Happy with the organic nature and diversity of the album, he realizes some albums just end up working better than others. Excited by all his works, he explains why some records, like his Grammy nominated album Rush Hour, garnered "Rush Hour was an amazing project," explains Lovano. "I look back at it now and wonder... wow, how did I pull that off? I really learned a lot from that project but it was kind of a culmination of all the things I had been experiencing as a player."

Most of Lovano's development comes from his appreciation and experience with the masters. He grew up listening to and playing music from the likes of John Coltrane, Miles Davis and Thelonius Monk. As much as these have aided his sense of musical styling, he cites one other important influence. Lovano constantly mentions and plays tunes from a collection of songs he calls, Tbe American Songbook.

"Tunes from the history of Broadway and songs that really come from this country. Actually, be-bop and a lot of the jazz that developed from the beginning were based on a lot of the harmonic structures and melodies that are from that song-book. Blues and spirituals and hymns were in early jazz, that was the beginnings of improvisation. But as the repertoire opened up, people drew most of their tunes from the American song-book."

Joe Lovano Quartet
June 29
Yardbird Suite



# A hot time in Jazz City

BY MICHAEL



After 17 years, one might assume there really couldn't be much more to say about Canada's longest-running jazz festival, especially in terms of promotional

But Jazz City keeps on offering a truly eclectic musical experience that, time and again presents a world of music for our summer enjoyment. This year's Jazz City is no exception, so Vue has prepared a little jazz primer to (hopefully) help you decide who to consider and who to see.

We realize it's hard to anticipate every taste and not all music offered will be to everyone's liking, but we hope through the judicious application of common sense-and an overriding love of music-there will be enough sounds to delight all but the most aurally-jaded

If there is one valid complaint levelled at this year's event it is the dearth of what might be termed "mainstream jazz." This isn't to say there is a singular lack of the most accessible jazz idiom, just that there may not be as much in previous years. Still, the quality of the musicians in this area who are coming should be of sufficient standing to level any strong feelings arising from this underrepresentation.

Most of the core jazz shows will be taking place, as usual, at the Yardbird Suite as part of its Hot Smokin' Jazz Series. It's pretty tough to find a weak link any where in this venue's lineup this year; all of the bands are outstanding jazz practitioners. Joe Lovano is highly regarded here, so there's not much more to add-as is Don Byron, the man whose ongoing explorations of the possibilities of the jazz clarinet have earned him well-deserved praise

The really new delights promise to be found in the guitar-powered jazz shows of Canadian Owen Howard, the Doran Studer Group and the underrated but very accomplished Charlie Hunter Quartet. One might even go out on a limb and pick both Howard and Hunter as two of the hidden treasures of this year's festival.

Rounding out the series will be some very demanding work from Australia's Bernie McGann Trio, whose highly-charged improvisations push the established boundaries of "safe" jazz, and Edmonton's CO2 North, a septet performing the music of artists ranging from Ellington and Mingus to Sting. They will be joined by P.J. Perry for this show.

If your tastes tend to run a little further afield, the eclectic nature of this year's Jazz City means that opportunities abound to step right outside the mainstream and do a little jazz travelling. This humble scribe has to admit the world music shows at the Westin Hotel's Cabaret Series have him drooling in anticipation, ing fathers of Soukous music-Tabu Ley Rochereau-is slated to

Without waxing too eloquent, this show is essential both for the heart and the soul. Rochereau is bringing a large (10-15 members) African dance band and if you plan to attend, also plan to be dripping wet by the time the show ends. If this one isn't sold out, Edmontonians should hang their heads in shame.

The other world music mustsees are the San Francisco-based Afro-Cuban ensemble Conjunto Céspedes. While all of this year's world music acts are top drawer, Conjunto Céspedes and Rechereau are the pinnacles. Again, if this isn't sold out, shame on

It should be noted that the hidden treasure in this series could well be Toronto's Punjabi By Nature. One of the world's top Bhangra acts, it brings a blend of traditional Punjabi music and dancehall reggae to Edmonton for the first time and, if the reception the band has received elsewhere in Canada is anything to go by, watch out!

Other acts, like Strunz and Farah (who open the Cabaret series), Lorraine Klassen, Linda Hornbuckle (another "could-be-hidden treasure") Lorraine Demarais and John Pizzarelli all offer a wide a variety of jazz and world delights.

The pick of the crop must be the dynamic duo of the acoustic guitar, Strunz and Farah. They're bringing a hot worldbeat/latin

to win over another Edmonton audience just as they did on their

The big act at this venue, however, has to be the lazz Passengers with (ex-Blondie chanteause) Deborah Harry. In fact, this promises to be the highlight of the festival for many people; the combination of talent, grace and passion will prove to be a winner all around, and don't be surprised at an early sellout.

For the more adventurous and avant garde-minded among you, plan to divide your time between the Bus Barns and Hawrelak Park CJSR FM88 is hosting a series of experimental and offbeat performances at this Fringe venue which replaces both the After Midnight series at the Yardbird and the Centennial Library series of past years

With bands like Ab Baars from Holland, Tom Guralnik from New Mexico, the Recedents, John Law and Louis Moholo from Britain and Canada's own Kent Sangster holding court at this location, a truly international affair will be the order of the day. Take a chance on this, because people like the Recedent's Lol Coxhill and drummer Louis Moholo are two of the finest practitioners of their craft anywhere and will definitely be this series' hidden treasures.

The concerts in Hawrelak Park should be popular with a lot of jazz music's younger listeners or those exploring the more "popular" side of the genre. The Screaming Headless Torsos should appeal to all manner of open-minded types with their respective blends of jazz/thrash metal/reggae and soul/jazz/funk/R&B. Definitely not a perfect baby boomer introduction to jazz, especially when they get their mojos working on the Jimi Hendrix tunes they plan to

Other stuff of note includes George Shearing at the Citadel's Shoctor Theatre, which should bring back some gentle memories for those well-versed in his style of soft jazz; the Robert Cray band at the Jubilee Auditorium-although the much-underrated opening act, The Elmer Lee Thomas Revue, promises to be another festival "hidden treasure"-and the New Orleans Connection, whose Dixieland jazz sounds will



be presented at Jazz City for the first time at the Westin Hotel's Marlborough Room.

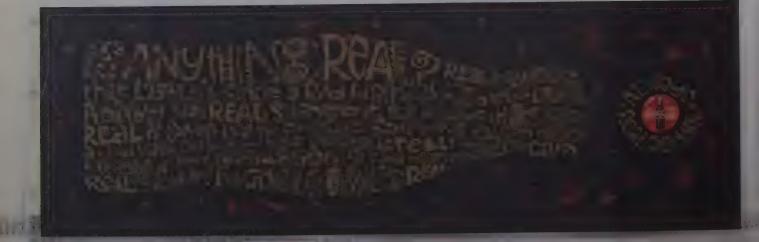
There is also lots of jazz to be found in clubs around town, and the always popular Jazz Street series in Winston Churchill Square is again laden with music to amaze and astound-everything from Bernie McGann and the Screaming Headless Torsos to Phatty, the Elmer Lee Thomas Revue and Pazznort are scheduled to appear.

On the down side, the Catholics are not back this year. It should also be noted that the Bengt Hallberg/Pro Coro show slated for the City Hall Pyramid has been cancelled. The Bass is Base show has also been scrubbed

Over these 10 days there will be so much to see, hear and do that festival burnout becomes a distinct possibility, so please pace yourself accordingly. A programme guide is essential, so get one ASAP and let the festivities

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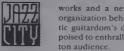


# No labels for this duo



Strunz and Farah: They won't get ripped off by labels this time

BY MICHAEL L. BARRY



When Jorge Strunz and Arde-shir Farah last appeared in Edmonton as part of Jazz City '92, it didn't take long for word of their nylon-string virtuosity to spread among those seeking some serious jazz-world sounds.

Their two shows at the Roxy were incredibly well-received and a new generation of fans were won

In 1996, with seven albums under their belt, a new one in the works and a new, self-managed organization behind them, acoustic guitardom's dynamic duo are poised to enthrall another Edmon-

"We had a great time in Edmonton when we were here in 1992, although this time we will have a bigger group with two percussionists and a new bass player," says Strunz. "We think people will find our music upbeat, fresh and very much a solid blend of all styles of latin music-with our trademark flamenco style up front as always.

Given the style of music Strunz and Farah play, one could be forgiven for thinking of them as part of some slick, well-financed mu sic marketing machine-but Strunz is quick to dispel that notion. Citing a series of disagreements with their previous label and distribution companies, he offers a strong exposition on the vagaries of the industry and an explanation of why one of the world's most notable world music groups has opted for a DIY approach

"It is far too easy for artists to be ripped off in the music industry because most artists are more idealistic and often something like gamblers. The labels are run by accountants and lawyers and this whole business is one of the most corrupt in the world. We were constantly fighting for our royalties-which the label seemed to think were 'optional'-and we finally decided to take charge of our own affairs

"We started learning the business from the bottom up, realized it wasn't all that difficult after all, set up SELVA (their organization and label) with my wife running the business end of things and things just got better from there."

Things certainly did get better. Strunz and Farah's last album, The Heat of the Sun, ended up at number five on Billboard's World

Music chart and Strunz estimates they have sold over a million copies of their various albumsnificant change for the better Strunz believes one of the prime reasons they were able to do so well (and to "liberate themselves from the shackles of a medieval system.") is due to the emergence of the digital technologies of the

"It really does make recording more accessible for all manner of artists," says Strunz. "When it is tied in to large independent distribution systems-such as the one we use-that are not associated with

the big labels, it is a very effective way to get your music out. We're only sorry we didn't do it earlier."

Strunz and Farah are now ready to reap the improved benefits of their DIY approach. And. by presenting some of the finest guitar-led world music extant they should reap handsome dividents indeed, especially since World Music is the fastest growing style of modern recording.

Jorge Strunz and Ardeshir Farah Westin Hotel June 25

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# Down under and clean

IAZZ BY MICHAEL J. HERNY



dmonton has been fairly for-tunate when it comes to opportunities to hear great music from the Antipodes, due to the willingness of certain organizations to bring in some of the best and brightest from down under.

The Catholics and Clarion Fracture Zone are two of the groups that have given us a glimpse into the streams of original music from our sister Dominion in the South Pacific.

Like most musicians, however, these bands had to draw their inspiration from somewhere. While much of the new music coming out of Australia draws from a number of external sources, there is a strong foundation of home-

grown styles that provide much grist for modern musical mills. Blending folk, country, blues, roots, indigenous and world music streams into modern Aussie music is certainly an integral part of the Australian jazz equation. One of the true fathers of and inspirations for modern Australian jazz, Bernie McGann, is slated to appear at Jazz City on July 1 at the Yardbird Suite, as part of the "Hot Smoking Jazz" series.

The Bernie McGann Trio promises to be one of the hidden delights at this year's event, with a jazz pedigree stretching back almost 40 years. McGann, an alto saxophonist of great versatility and imagination, should serve to astound those bemoaning the dearth of "serious jazz" at the festival.

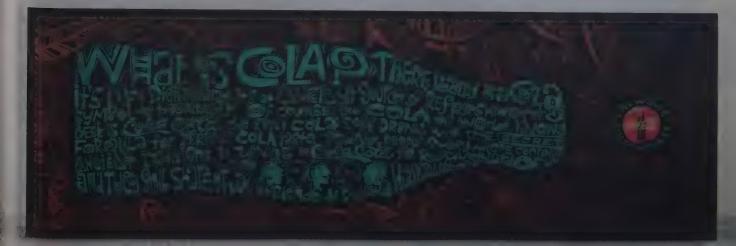
McGann has worked with some of the best in the business, plying his trade. His oft-mentioned mu

sical eccentricities, while perhaps a little too much "out there" attract a larger audience in his formative days, are now much more firmly implanted and accepted as a central facet for his talent, drive and presentation.

His music has been described as offering a musical melange with "daring strikes at the edge of tonality... with speechlike inflections that are at once a highly individual expression reaching back to the folk roots of jazz."

McGann's music is most assuredly not for the uninitiated, yet it contains enough seeds of expression to allow the initiation process to be undertaken without much difficulty by those unfamiliar with his style and presentation.

Bernie McGann Trio Yardhird Suite July 1



# Recedents follow no precedents



Recedents march to their own beat

est shows slated for this year's Jazz

BY MICHAEL



ere hasn't been anyone at Jazz City recently (with the possible exception of Lonely Universe) who sounds anything like the Recedents.

This British trio of electroacoustic musical iconoclasts-or malcontents-led by the estimable sax and electronic improviser Lol Coxhill, will have listeners of all persuasions wondering just what it is about jolly old England that provides such eccentric performers. The album titles alone like Zombie Bloodbath on the Isle of Dogs, pique curiosity.

The Recedents set out to

the avant garde but to capture it then serve it up to hungry souls and questing spirits, discordant bite by discordant bite

This is a group impossible to pigeonhole. Both recorded works and live performances indicate it'd like to keep it that way, thank you very much.

There will be no pandering to the safe and sound; nor will there be any instantly recognizable acces sibility. With a sound described as a "helter skelter ride through movie horror, music hall comedy, thrash metal, jazz (the real thing), delta blues and avant garde rock," the Recedents are a delightfully extroverted slice of the British psyche.

The electro-acoustic meanderings of the Recedents are often

borne by "shimmering layers of electronic sound," yet the group is also capable of presenting skillfully measured passages of smooth spontaneity. While no one can guarantee that everything the Recedents do will sound completely right, you can rest assured that the scope of their selections will place them at the top of the originality scale for this year's Jazz City.

And, like the court jesters of old, whom they most resemble in terms of the musical court at which they will appear, the Recedents will remind us that we can all do with a little levity in our otherwise alltoo-serious lives.

The Recedents Arts Barn Theatre

## eat up fest Soukous-soaked

BY MICHAEL

City festival?



with the album Babeti Soukous. What can you say to attract people to one of the liveli-

One could note that Tabu Ley Rochereau is (along with Joseph Kabasele and Franco) the man most responsible for bringing the Soukous sounds of Central Africa to a much larger worldwide audi-

Or that Rochereau was the first

Peter Gabriel's Real World label

Or that he is now living in a form of self-imposed exile away from his native Zaire, where tensions between the singer and Zaire's despot, Mobuto Sese Seko, are still somewhat high

However, all of the aforementioned depictions of Tabu Ley Rochereau are rendered moot when he takes to the stage, presenting a truly magnificent Soukous music and dance extravaganza.

For the uninitiated, Soukous is essentially a faster version of

the older rumba music that came to Africa in the '30s and '40s.

Songs are generally divided into two parts.

The singer, later joined by a chorus, offers most of the lyrics, and the second part-the sebene-sees the beat kicked up into a faster pace with, says Rochereau, "elaborately interlocking guitar parts that propel the melody faster and further

The first part is for lyrics and poetics, words where the audiences listen to what the musicians are talking about. After that, sebene comes and people move.

People move. That, in effect, is what soukous is all about, and one listen to the driving sound that builds to a dynamic climax, with as many as 25 musicians giving their all, should convince all but the most jaded listener.

Tabu Ley Rochereau will be bringing between 10-15 musicians and singers with him, which will in no way impair the sound and spectacle his shows are known to provide

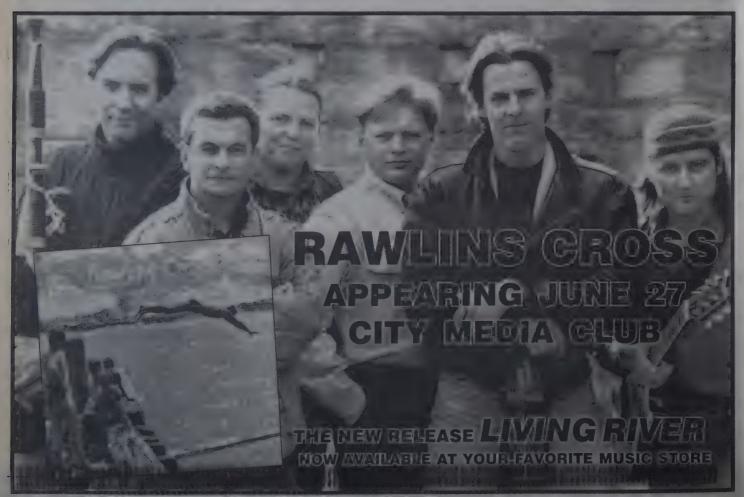
In a departure from some of his more overtly electronically-enhanced music of a few years agomeant to inject a degree of accessible modernism, aimed at non-African audiences-Rochereau seeks to return to the more traditional roots that give soukous so much inspiration, passion and staying power.

Rochereau's live shows prove

time and again the grace inherent in honest musical traditions and should see a packed dance floor gyrating the night away.

People move. 'Nuff said.

Tabu Ley Rochereau Westin Hotel



# Black Cabbage a salad of sounds

BY PAUL

or a young band, it's a pecu-liarly Canadian dream:

After you've got your music together and honed your skills playing the local bar circuit, you put your first album out and plan a cross-country tour. You book a couple of gigs, borrow a van and put in your application for a Canada Council grant to cover transportation costs.

There are grants for such things? Apparently.

The trick to these applications. jokes Black Cabbage member Nick Craine, is to "make it look like you know exactly what you're doing even if you don't."

The eight members of Black Cabbage and their sound technician have travelled across the country in their borrowed van (it belongs to the Bourbon Tabernacle Choir), from Guelph, Ont., a university town home to a cool brewery (Sleeman's) and a small but vibrant music scene

When the band came together

about three years ago, almost all of the members were playing in other local groups

This helped the band create a new sound out of the styles each member brought. Black Cabbage's sound has been described as "new world music" but member Michael Barclay better describes the group as a "soul band that plays folk instruments with a punk attitude.

The band members exchange a variety of instruments on stage and in the studio, but the primary line-up involves Craine, Kate Richmond, Dave Withers, and Mike O'Connell sharing guitar and vocal duties; Barclay on accordion, sax, and organ; Sheila Grüner on violin, Tristan O'Malley on bass and Sam Cino on drums

Their debut self-titled CD was released last fall on DROG records. It is into its third pressing, selling 2,500 copies

Since then they have been "travelling up and down the 401 [highway in Ontario and Québec]." This is their first time out west

The first gig of the tour was in Sudbury, Ont. where they were lucky enough to be booked on tree planters' day off. The bar was

We just had to go on stage and make noise," says O'Malley

The next gig was a harder sell "The 15 people who came to the show saw us in the street,

Richmond says, describing the show in Regina, where busking during the day paid off somewhat

The band played the North Country Fair last weekend in Joussard, and heads to Vancouver and Victoria before returning to Edmonton

Other notable gigs have included an anti-Mike Harris rally in Kitchener-Waterloo, Ont. this past year

"We were the only band with non-political lyrics," O'Malley says, and offers an impression of some

of the other music that day
"Let's chop off Mike Harris's bead / And put it on a pole

"We played for 600 people [before the parade arrived at City Hall]," he continues. "We went downstairs, put our equipment away, came back up, and there were 10,000 people there.

Black Cabbage City Media Club July 4 Sawmill July 5 & 6



Black Cabbage: Nothing's rotten in the state of... oh forget it

# **NBT** a hearty chew

POP/ROCK

MY PAUL

Get a granola bar with your next al-bum purchase and you'll probably be expecting a Grateful Dead tribute band. Alas, the bonus gift from Paul Oss and the Next Big Thing is merely a promotional gimmick, not a metaphor for a back-to-nature musical style.

"We use regular granola bars and put our own labels on," says Oss. "Now people expect it so we can't stop.

Although he chose granola bars because they're "compact and not too expensive." he's willing to attempt the metaphor.

"Power pop frosting on top of a deliclous chewy roots rock centre," is his wellrehearsed description. As with chocolate-covered granola, you're "sort of fooling yourself thinking it's healthy."

Oss is happier calling his music "free a range that has expanded over the past two years since the release of the band's first album, Soul Cusbions

"On the Power Picks CD you get a stronger sense of the band [than on the

tar), Joe Mackay (drums) and Tony Sawchuk (bass) earned a spot on the Power 92sponsored disc earlier this year. He was initially reluctant to enter, but is now convinced this collection is one of the bestorganized in the country.

What made it better is that everyone got to re-record their songs."

The band was able to work with a

Juno-nominated producer from Toronto.

Power 92 made a serious commitment to play these tunes," he continues. "And not just at three in the morning. They played them in prime time and ran radio ads promoting the CD for a month."

Other recent projects have included a video filmed at NAIT in March. It was shot at five different locations including "a welding shop with sparks in the background."

Sounds like it might resemble a Helix

"It does but it didn't," Oss says, laugh ing. "It worked well for the song."

**Next Big Thing** City Media Club

# D.O.A. never say die

BY KEN

PreVIF

plethora of punk bands use political A commentary for "cool" points. Shouting out expletives about the government they expose the fact that their knowledge of Parliament is restricted to either George Clinton's funk band or the chocolate bar of the same name

However, there are bands who are actually mean what they spew. With 17 years of rabble-rousing to its credit, Vancouver originals D.O.A. are at it again. The 16 tracks on The Black Spot are classic D.O.A. rants. From rampant fans to the excessive nature of our society, the band takes on all the wrongs it

Instigator and lead vocalist/guitarist Joe Kiethly points out that it's not all melancholy "Having a track record of trying to effect social change is something to be proud of However there must be some humor involved This album, we're chainsawing people in half just for the sheer fun of it."

After so long on the punk circuit, it is understandable that there have been a few personnel changes over the years. The most

notable switch is on drums

Former stick-banger Ken Jensen died in a house fire on Jan. 29, 1995. The album is dedicated to his memory. Picking up his legacy is Brien O'Brien, former member of the Bombshells

er bands. Bass plaver Brian Goble was once a Subhuman, while local guitar player-donegood Ford Pier has served time in Jr. Gone Wild, Roots Roundup and Tankhog

After almost two decades. Kiethly has nothing to prove. His actions speak louder

Showing his dedication to political participation, he ran in the B.C. provincial election as the Green Party candidate for Burnaby. He came in fifth out of seven but was fortunate enough to beat the P.C. candidate. He plans to run in the next civic elec-

Some of his fellow band members aren't convinced it is the best idea. Kiethly explains: "Not everyone was supportive. Pier was hoping I'd lose because otherwise our tour schedule would get messed up."

People's Pub June 24



# **Down south and dirty**

RLUES



ake two parts New Orleans style brass, one part funk and a bunch of soul. What do you have? The Dirty Dozen, of course.

Well, actually there's only eight of them, but the Dirty Dozen has a better ring to it than the Effervescent Eight

The Dirty Dozen started boppin' to the New Orleans beat in 1977, playing the second line behind parades and funerals. From the traditional sounds of New Orleans, it moved into a funkier version of the brass band sound, still keeping true to its instrumentation—like playing the bass line with a sousaphone.

However, with its latest release, Ears to the Wall, the Dirty Dozen has dispensed almost completely with traditional instrumentation, reducing drummers from two to one, using electric and acoustic bass in addition to the sousaphone, adding a keyboardist and bringing in a guitarist for the majority of the tracks.

As founding member Gregory Davis explains, the two drummers in the "traditional" band left for personal reasons. Through ensuing auditions, the rest of the band "found out that (they) couldn't find two drummers that worked as well together as these guys."

As a result, they decide to hire one drummer to play the entire kit—but then they needed some-body to fill the other spot, so they



No Lee Marvin in sight

hired a keyboard player

"We always knew our sousaphone player could play acoustic and electric bass, so we decided to take advantage of that," says Davis. "We do play such a wide variety of music—that we fit in many, many situations," says Davis. "The blues clubs, the blues festivals, the jazz clubs, the jazz festivals—we've been doing rock 'n roll tours."

As a matter of fact, they just finished a tour with the Black Crowes—and they turned down a Sting tour which, at 18 months, "was too long."

Davis recalls the last year they played the jazz tent at the New Orleans Jazz Festival.

"I remember that one gig the

tent was full to capacity, people outside trying to get in, and from beginning to end, we had it going." he says. "That was in '92 or '93, and no matter where we go, I still have people talking about that particular show."

It was then, in Davis's words, they realized that "they couldn't play that tent anymore," and that they now have to play "rock 'n roll stages."

Sure hope the Westin has insurance for the roof when it raises through four or five stories of hotel rooms...

The Dirty Dozen The Westin Hotel July 2





Christy Doran, Phil Minton, Amin Ali and FreddyStruderdo Hendri

# Jimi goes jazz

JAZZ BY KEN



ention the name Jimi Hendrix and visions of a man who played guitar stoned far better than you could straight will enteryour head.

Think again. Think jazz. Think Doran and Struder.

Electric guitarist Christy Doran and percussionist Freddy Struder have been playing together for over 30 years. On their recent outing, Play the Music of Jimi Hendrix, they cover nine classic tunes by the master of reverb. With the help of Phil Minton's vocals and Amin Ali's electric bass, the mixture of European and American talents examine Hendrix from an

entirely new angle.
"For us, Hendrix is a genius and one of the most important nusicians of the century," explains Switzerland-born Struder in the best English he can manage. "If you look at a tune, like 'Third Stone from the Sun'... 30 years

ago, when I used to listen to it, I never would of thought there was so much composition to it. If you analyze it, there are eight bars and open bars and 16 bars. It's a whole puzzle... for that time it was like avant garde.

Originally Hendrix was a quintet, with legendary keyboardist/ tenor horn player Django Bates helping out. Raised in Britain, he played with former Yes drummer Bill Bruford in Earthworks and was the lead composer of Britian's influential mid '80s big band, Loose Tubes

One would think losing a key player like Bates would be catastrophic, but Struder is understanding.

"We would of liked to tour with Django but he got very busy after the first tour. For me it's more interesting (now) because I get to play more. Before Django always use to take a big space soloing... I think it's a good band now."

Hendrix Heritage Amphitheatre June 30

# Byron embraces issues

JAZZ



on Byron is the musical equivalent of Spike Lee.

That is, a very talented, intelligent, outspoken artist. In his latest CD, Music for Six Musicians,

some of the track titles read "...that sucking sound... (For Ross Perot)," (The press made) "Rodney King (responsible for the L.A. riots)" and The Importance of being SHARPTON."

In the first track, black poet Sadiq intones "When Steel spoke the joke/l picture a kind of underground railroad/Delivering us in the dead of night from the inner city to the suburbs/Yea, like right into the hand of the Klan?

Byron is rightfully unapologetic for his social conscience. "If a lot of musicians don't focus on (social issues), that's really their deficit. 'Cause all of the '60s music was about politics." says Byron. "If other people aren't Interested in the politics of their day, that makes them different than (John)

Coltrane, (Charles) Mingus." Byron hadn't played improvisationally until he attended the New England Conservatory, where he studied "jazz at its base, but maybe a little more adventurous than what the jazz department was doing. We looked at a lot of contemporary classical pieces and a lot of ethnic music."

This different take on music is readily apparent in Music for Six

"Once you get past viewing music almost as a folk activity, which means that, at will, you can play something the same or similar as some guy who's dead, that musical composition seems to be about playing with expectations, or setting up normalcy and abnormalcy in a piece." says Byron.

"People who compose as opposed to write tunes tend to do stuff like

On Music for Six Musicians, Byron combines latin rhythms with dissonant harmonies presented on clarinet, cornet and piano.

Byron's group, also named Music for Six Musicians, features Edsel

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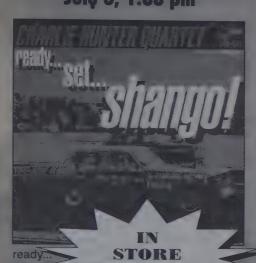


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# Screamin' out loud



which affect an artist are many and varied. In David "fuse" Fiucynski's case, they range from fairly intro spective to out-right indulgent. Guitarist for a jazz-oriented New York band which melds rap. jazz and metal for its own expressive purposes explains how indulgence affected him endlessly, mainly through his band's name. Screaming Headless



"I had too much beer when I was going to college. I was hanging out with friends and it came up. It just stuck in my head."

fers to talk about. The quintet has released a self-titled debut which captures the Torsos live vibe The type of music it plays is an inspiration for verbosity. Both what the Torsos are doing and how it's classified intrigue him

There are two traditions in jazz or any music. One is preserving and the other is innovation. I think were kind of in-between. I don't think there's milestones or groundbreaking material in the Torsos, but you're not going to see us playing standards," Fuse ex-

"I've been trying to push this term "art funk," If I think about the band, you have art-rock sensibilities, it's groove oriented, and it has jazz. I think the term art rock sums it up but it's not art rock. We're not really a rock band or a jazz band or a funk band We're all of those and none of those. That's the best term I can think of but then again most of the times we play OK music and that's probably the best term right

A number of styles are pressed together, a move which makes sense for a band which started as a punk and reggae act fronted by an opera singer. After the former ensemble no longer intrigued Fuse, he put together the new group. He finds fans and critics can't always link the divergence in his music, but to Fuse, it's all rather self-evident

"The common thread is the sandwiching of different paramestyles. When they successfully come together you have an excit ing mix of styles he explains.

An obscure sense of fusion is the band's raison d'être so if you feel like listening to several radio stations without switching the dial, the Torsos will fulfill that need All on one recording.

Screaming Headless Torsos Heritage Amphitheatre June 30

# Blind jazz delights

JAZZ EY DOX



George Shearing is wall eorge Shearing is what I call he's jamming on the bandstand in a duo or quintet, another he's penning music for the stage and yet another he's performing Mozart piano concertos

Fortunately, for the sake of my phone bill, we confined our discussions to jazz. Shearing got into show business at a young age

"My earliest memory is when I was three or four and I heard something on the radio and I went

Twelve years later, he was making his music debut in an all-blind band (Shearing is congentially blind). Through the band, he had occasion to hook up with jazz crit ic Leonard Feather, which then led to a stint at the BBC

The BBC announcer would come on and say 'you will now be hearing the music of George Shearing and then I came on with my best Gockney accent and said

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good evening ladies and gentlemen tonight we'll be doing a medley of ...'" recalls Shearing.

Throughout the Second World War, he was urged by a number of Americans (Glenn Miller among them), to move to the United States. In 1947, Shearing did exactly that, taking residence in New York City.

There, he met and played with all sorts of jazz legends, present

"My wife would take our young daughter down to the Three Deuc es where I was playing with Ella Fitzgerald. Ella took one look at Wendy and said that tommorrow she would have the biggest doll for her. My wife and I cautioned Wendy that these sorts of things were said in show business all the time, but sure enough the next

Shearing is being backed by Victoria area bassist Neil Swainson ("the best bassist there is").

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# '90s acts honor Andy

Being that Andy Warhol is mentioned in the movie, it goes without saying that the soundtrack closes with a John Cale opus; that Luna (a Velvet Underground-inspired band) opens the soundtrack with a cover of Donovan's "Season of the Witch."

"Season of the Witch.

Overall, a collection of '60s and early '70s standards (MC5's "Kick Out the Jams," the Lovin' Spoonful's "Do You Believe in Magic"), new tracks by the standard season of the Magic of the Mag today's hottest stars (highlights are Yo La Tengo's "Demons" and Pavement's "Sensitive Euro Man") and old tracks covered by today's up-and-comers (keep an eye out for Aussie teen phe-nom Ben Lee's rendition of "Itchycoo Park" and Uncle-Tupelo alumnus Jeff Tweedy-fronted Wilco's cover of Neil Young's "Burned").

But for every good track, there's a klunker to match. Jewel's version of klunker to match. Jewel's version of "Sunshine Superman" is simply atro-crous. R.E.M's cover of "Love is All Around" (which has been out for a while as a b-side) is pedestrian Steven Sandor

### CHARM FARM Pervert (PRA/Mercury)

Lots of records have at least a couple of gems on 'em, real absolute keepers, but out of a hundred new releases, many are strong from start to finish? Depending on your mood, your answer could range from .01 per cent all the way up to, say, five per cent! Not a great ratio, is it?

and mastermind Dennis White, may and mastermind Dennis White, may just make it into that narrow category From the opener, the instant classic gender-bender rock song "I" m A Man," Charm Farm have the hooks, strong arrangements and, if you care, a snappy way with words. The songs run the gamut from tawk anthem to hurtin' hallad to disconferacy. ballad to disco frenzy

Every track has something you can

take away with you, whether it's a memorable chorus, cool guitar line, or witty turn of phrase. Take "Superstar," the five minute-plus send up of the Studio 54 mentality—the dry sarcasm is eclipsed only by the song's earnest enthusiasm—the song is so over the top that many clubgoers will scarcely realize their scene is actually being lampooned, uh-huh!

For the most part, White's lyrics speak in a common enough language to be understood by anyone

Given that the whole pop music industry is largely built on fantasy, a nice little reality check is a good thing to come across. Yes, good stuff here,

T.C. Shaw

# PAUL WESTERNEND

Paul Westerberg has always been a great songwriter. Oh sure, he allowed himself to be compromised over the last two Replacements albums (but every band has only a finite amount of great material to put out, anyway), but, Christ, can the man write a hook.

That's where the strength of Even-tually lies. This is Westerberg stripped down, without all the alcohol-haze and punk distraction. With slick production from Brendan O' Brien and a little

tion from Brendan O' Brien and a little help from a bevy of guest musicians (including fellow ex-Replacement Tommy Stinson). Westerberg flies through 12 quick vignettes—perfect for a summer's day.

Easily listenable and perefectly enjoyable. While there are no expeptional landmarks here (Westerberg will never top "Here Comes a Regular"), the co-king of Minneaplois music (sharing the title with Bob Mould—of course!) shows he is still much worthire than most who cart around much er than most who cart around much larger budgets.

You've Had It With You" stands



out as the most interesting track on the album — and the hardest rocker. Westerberg spits out the lyrics in a distorted over a sea of reverb. It's throw back to the '80s for the songwriter. But most of the material isn't in-your-face kind of stuff. Westerberg is much happier as a balladeer, not a world-beater.

Mayen Sandar

### THRONERERRY Trot Out the Encores

Lead singer Jason Arbenz's songwriting and arranging style easily brings com-parisons to Buffalo Tom's Bill Janovitz

or the Afghan Whigs' Greg Dulli.
Like the music of Buffalo Tom or the Whigs, Throneberry's strains aren't striking on the first listen. But after striking on the first listen. But after three or four spins, more of Arbenz's songwriting genius comes through. This album will grow on you. Arbenz's voice even sounds like Dulli's—a pained rasp trying to make

sense out of the despair he feels. De-spair which is of his own making. Named after the New York Mets'

first bona fide superstar (Marv Throneberry thrilled fans with his in-eptitude), the band hits a musical home

Sometimes. Throneberry allows the guitars to jangle. But don't worry. Throneberry isn't out to make a big splash—rather to create a collection of songs which will endure while other records you liked a whole lot better on used record shops.

Steven Sendor

### BOLDFINGER Goldfinger

Crunchy guitars, slick harmonic vocal overdubs and that now trendy crapsounding snare drum are the key ingr dients in the dozen songs on this self-

It's not all 4/4 on the floor for the

tains a genuine ska-flavoured intro, "Only A Day" has an acoustic guitar frantically strummed in the background and is the LP's longest track, "King For A Day" begins with some pure hybrid reggae before returning to the band's forte, which is anthemic, high-speed power pop. The album's centrepiece. the ska/grunge rave-up "Answers," is easily the most memorable of the 14 cuts, many of which clock in at under three minutes each. Best Funny Lyric (referring to L.A. and spoken during "The City With Two Faces") "...but I have had motorcycles stolen here than Nirvana had songs about hero

# VITAPUP An Hour With Vitapup (True North/MCA)

Well, more like 54 minutes with Vitapup, but who's counting? These 20 vignettes (I hate to call them songs—these snippets of music breeze into

vignettes (I hate to call them songs— these snippets of music breeze into each other and create one musical unit) are one part lo-fl experiment another part Sonic Youth. The North Carolina trio create an experience in punk rock minimalism Some of the tracks are so short that there is barely time to absorb the lyr ics. The band parodies their own dis taste of sones which clock in over two taste of songs which clock in over two

"Ray made these up in the studio not to say they're not good lyrics," are the only words singer Raphael Heatley mumbles in "Burger King."

But what Vitapup does create is the sense that this album was recorded in one shot—someone just left a tape play er running while the trio was jamming in a Tarheel basement. Just like a Lou Barlow project, Vitapup have the abil-ity to make the listener believe they're

making it up as the band is going along But what cokmes out is well worth it. It's an inventive mish-mash of hyped up guitars and understated vocals which makes the Archers of Loaf look as main

Steven Sandor

# Gary McGowan's PPR Ofiles

Name: Paul Oss

Notoriety: Mainmeister of Paul Oss and the Next Big Thing, purveyors of roots rock music with power pop frosting.

Next Gig: June 29 at the City Media Club.

Humbling experience: Everytime I talk

First concert attended: Queen at the Montreal Forum in 1978.

Most important thing ever learned: To know who you are and listen to your

Home: Anywhere on the South Side

Most creative time of the day: Early

Who's garage sale would you most like to attend: Pete Townshend or Harpo

Ambition: To play music full-time or join the "Men of Success."

Age: Metaphorically, I'm around 19.

Memorable school experience: Rolf Nelson was my Grade 11 English teacher. Whenever he came in the



Paul Oss

out his first name... like dogs. It drove him crazy.

If you were an animal which one would

Fantasy: To juggle pink grapefruits with Leonard Cohen.

Hobbles: Cycling, working out, reading, levitating, meditating. Favorite TV show: it's a tie between Seinfeld and A&E's Biography.

Epitaph: Who turned out the lights?

Anything you wouldn't wear: No.

Gary McGowan hosts Post Modern Sundays at 6 p.m. on Power 92

# Disney has 'back problems

The Disney empire has been under fire in recent months for abandoning its "family values. American right-wing religious lead ers and politicians are upset by the company's recognition of employee spousal benefits to same-sex partners, a common practice of most companies in Hollywood.

Now film critics are jumping on the same bandwagon, attacking Disney for making The Hunchback of Notre Dame, an animated film many claim isn't very appropriate for children.

It should be noted that Disney does have a history of making bold moves in what is generally considered kid's fare

They killed Bambi's mom. They killed Simba's dad. They had Baloo the Bear dressed in drag. They encouraged the use of hallucinogens by producing the trippy Fantasia. And that's just a small sample. I personally remember being completely freaked out by a witch scene in Snow White-and I was 21 at the time

Admittedly, I don't think I would want preschoolers flocking to this flick, especially without parental supervision. There are some risqué moments and some of the humor is rather Monty Python-esque. Still, it's not exactly Fritz the Cat. It is dark and disturbing,

but so was The Lord of the Rings and Disney's own The Black Cauldron. Children can handle the stuff I should know. I was once a child myself.

However, as opposed to most animated movies, The Hunchback of Notre Dame should also appeal to teenagers and adults, especially since it has a fast-paced story with many interesting characteres

Victor Hugo's (Les Miserables) classic story of a kind-hearted but misshapen misfit has been Disney fied by a happy ending. But, the quality of writing, particularly the original dialogue, is the best in an animated Disney film since Aladdin. There are still a few burp jokes, but no humor at the expense of flamlence as in The Lion

Tim Hulce (Amadeus) voices Quasimodo, the bellringer of Paris's Notre Dame cathedral. Locked away from society by his cruel caretaker, the magistrate Frollo, Quasimodo manages to fill his days with activities such as model-building, acrobatics and observing daily ur ban life in 16th century France. He has the companionship of three talking gargoyles, brought to life by such sit-com veterans as Seinfeld's Jason Alexander and Murphy Brown's Charles Kimbrough.

Quasi longs to be like other people, so he escapes Notre Dame to participate in a street festival where he is declared King of Fools and promptly ridiculed. He is res cued by the gypsy Esmerelda and

her goat, Jolly

Quasi quickly becomes smitten by the sultry Esmerelda, who is not only voiced by Demi Moore, but was seemingly sketched by animation artists who had seen an advance preview of Striptease. Esmerelda makes Jessica Rabbit look tame

Esmerelda likes Quasi, but only as a friend. She really has eyes for the newly-appointed captain of Frollo's guard, Phoebus (it means "sun god"). Kevin Kline (French Kiss) personalizes the noble knight with both honor and humor-and there is much witty banter between Phoebus and Esmerelda

Unfortunately, Frollo, an adamant gypsy-hater, also lusts for the enchanting Esmerelda-and if he can't have her, no one will

So he sets about on a systematic destruction of Paris in order to rid his city of the supposed gypsy menace. Only the combined efforts of Ouasi and his friends can stop the

The Hunchback of Notre Dame is not quite classic Disney It suffers from a batch of truly awful songs: unmemorable melodies burdened with lyrics like "You are ugly, you're a freak..."
At least the images are captivating during the musical numbers, but since it's Disney, that's practically a given.

The Hunchback of Notre Dame Cinepiex Odeon



# **Jarman pictures** gay painters life

HV CUSSUL

Derek Jarman was a filmmaker who was not afraid to take

The size of a proejct did not faze him and he was perfectly willing to do whatever it took to bring his vision to the screen. He gave us The Last of England, a film about the brief reign of Edward II-a monarch of whom nobody knew anything, a homosexual king nobody wanted to know.

Saint Sebastian examined the life of the saint as he struggled to overcome desire in a Roman Legion outpost. It was a groundbreaking film, in that it portrayed the male body in those stylized and objectified ways the media uses to portray the female form.

Blue was an homage to his own life. Dying of AIDS, Jarman lost his vision in the last weeks of his life and was only able to perceive the color blue-soBlue consists solely of a voice over nothing but a blue

Michelangelo Merisi da Caravaggio was also not afraid to take risks. Caravaggio is considered to be the greatest (and certainly the most controversial) painter of the Italian post-Renaissance period. After spending some eight years doing genre paintings, he acquired a strong sense of spiritualism and rebelled against mannerism and idealism, introducing a powerful realism into his work

At the same time, however, he developed revolutionary uses of light. His paintings are striking for their dramatic use of unnaturally-lit figures against a dark or black background. His fondness for using crude peasants in his religious paintings scandalized many, including at least two popes

Of course, the people for whom he did paintings were also offended, not only by the subject matter in his paintings but also by his lifestyle: Caravaggio was openly homosexual and greatly enjoyed partying with those "lowlifes" he

Caravaggio is Jarman's film about a painter whose influence extended to Velzaquez, Ribera, Rubens and Rembrandt. It was seven years in the making

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THE BANDWAGON(1953) A

# **Channel surfers turn to web**



David Fanning of WGBH Boston is embracing the

### MEDIA

### BY STEVEN SANDOR

f the mood the Banff Television Festival (held two weeks ago) is any indication, the boob-tube is prepared to work in conjunction with the Internet.

Not only are television networks creating websites to interact with viewers and promote their programming slates-the Internet is actually becoming a new

The Discovery Channel just spent \$10 million developing its website; viewers can interact via modem with the people behind the shows; access footage that Discovery had to leave on the cuting room floor and interact with the people behind the stories.

Discovery is using the web in synchjunction with its \$hows. A website allows surfers to interact with a biker during his tour of the Australian outback. He reports back daily. In conjunction with a docuseries on ocean exploration, webheads are encouraged to contact the scientists aboard their ship. The scientists e-mail undersea photographs and commentaries to the website

Web advertsising should pay the bill for broadcast

rial director for Discovery Online.

This is beyond promotion. This has gone behind that purpose. This is a new and exciting medium," she told Banff delegates. "With the Internet, we can mix and match the elements of all media in a very interest-

The rise of 'net programming will force television execs to view their purposes in life in a very different matter. One-time control freaks will have to succumb to the new democratic medium.

"You have to turn control over to the audience, which no director or producer likes to do," allowed

But the cyberspace frontrunners are over at WBGH Boston, PBS's flagship station. The network produces Frontline, the acclaimed documentary series. Twentytwo of last season's episodes were accompanied by Webumentaries. Over five million people have visited the Gulf War site. Other extensive sites on the Tiananmen Square massacre and the Branch Dividian compund in Waco, Tex. have garnered worldwide interest.

David Fanning, Frontline's executive producer, says the web offers people the chance to access files, archives and footage which had to be edited from a 90-

### Breaking TV's rules

"This completely breaks the rules that existed be tween producer and viewer. It is now a participatory medium. The site allowes us to publish documents we were never able to publish or broadcast. It is making us better journalists. Writing for the web will be its own kind of challenge

Fanning thinks that within fivem to 10 years, the television and computer will be combined. People will access these media systems (inroads have already been made to provide Internet services through cable) and be able to download 'net info while watching Front line. He believes cable providers who aren't hip to the technology upheaval in the TV universe will be caught on the outside looking in.

Brigid Sullivan, vice-president of special telecom munications services for WGBH, feels the Internet will be married to the television program itself. Prime time will disappear, as people will soon have the technolo-

gy to download TV programs at any time they choose.

"If we do it right, the broadcast component will be just one part of the television experience."

# FILM

# Eraser is just Arnie's new clown bit

MOVIES BY RUSSELL ReVIJE

his is an even year. I know, because in odd numbered years, Arnold Schwarzenegger makes comedies. His latest film, Eraser, is in no way funny. And, apparently, unlike his last two action films—True Lies and Last Action Hero—Eraser is not a parody. Imagine my surprise.

Eraser is like one of those paintings of the crying-on-the-inside clown. You knew what the painting was supposed to look like because it was reproduced on the cover of the paint-by-numbers kit and if you followed the directions and put the properly numbered paints in the properly numbered spaces, you ended up with your own clown painting.

own clown painting.

Well, Eraser is Arnold's latest clown painting. I'm sure people all enjoy this film in much the

same way that people enjoy paintby-number renderings of crying clowns.

Eraser features John Kruger (Schwarzenegger), a Federal Marshall working in the Witness Protection Program. He takes people and erases their identity so they can be safe from the bad guys who might want them not to testify.

He gets the job of protecting Vanessa Williams, who has the goods on a high-tech arms company.

This time out the sidekick role is played by Robert Passolini, the painter from *Murpby Brown*. He plays an Italian stereotype who owes Arnold a favor and, like any good sidekick, punctuates the unpleasant bits with bad jokes

The other notables in this film are James Coburn and James Caan Coburn has absolutely nothing to do in this film. Caan has a lot to do and even manages to hold his own with Arnold. This would have been a far more interesting film with Caan in the lead role—at least it

would have been a little different from the clown we see on the cover of the box.

The real second billing belongs to the high-tech weapons, these rifles that fire little tiny bullets at almost the speed of light that come equipped with x-ray scopes. The company wants to sell these things to the Russian Mafia who wants to resell them to some real bad guys.

I have problems with bad guys whose only motive is money. It seems to me that any "good" guy would pay just as much for such a weapon as any bad guy if only because the "good" guys these days

have all the money. That is, generally, why they can be "good" guys.

Director Chuck Russell, whose last film was *The Mask* with Jim Carrey, makes sure all the little spaces are painted in with the proper colors.

In this case, that involves falling out of jets without parachutes, some of the most fake-looking real alligators ever to make it to the big screen and having his star do some mid-air twists and leaps.

Arnold is a little more agile this time, but he's just as invincible as when he was a nigh-invulnerable cyborg—and that is somewhat annoying: if this is a serious movie and not some sort of parody, ther how is it that Arnold survives the injuries that are done to him? He really must be crying on the inside (Or at least bleeding—Ed.)

Eraser really wants to introduce

Eraser really wants to introduce some new quips and phrases into the Arnold lexicon, the most obvious one being "You're erased," it just doesn't quite trip off the lips like "Hasta la vista, baby." He should have just honked his nose.

Eraser Famous Players Daily

# **Cult of cheese**



Ed Wood, the classic cult movie about a cult movie-maker.

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There are over 1,000 films entered, each with a synopsis of a plot (or an admission that none exists), cast and list of guilty parties, the date of release, a listing of video distributors and a ratings system that ranges from four bones (replacing the usual four stars) to a "WOOF" (that replaces your standard bomb or turkey icon).

The rating system is qualified

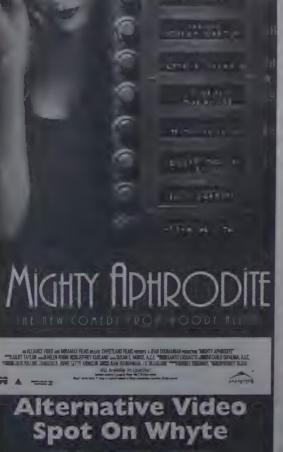
The rating system is qualified in the introduction (for Ed Wood's Glen or Glenda to get four bones it would have to be): Four bones can signify either a truly magnificent film or a truly awful one that is nonetheless entertaining for pure camp value.

This ratings system is still fairly subjective: the truly fine Quadropbenia got only one and a half bones and some very bitchy comments.

As an added bonus, the margins of the book are filled with sidebars on perrenial characters (Frankenstein, Godzilla), fellow cult film analysts (Joe Bob Briggs. Mystery Science Theatre 3000) and the slopmaster auteurs who neither had the time, inclination, talent or money to make non-cult films (Ed Wood, Fred Olen Ray. Roger Corman).

As well-written and researched as this book is, there is still a feeling of it being slapped together. Ilke so many of the films it lists. For example, The Hollywood City on Fireis synopsized and slagged, but the credits for Ringo Lam's City on Fire are listed.

This is the best book on the subject, bar none! It makes the Medved Brothers look as lame and inopt as the impress they collidate 1.1 w.)



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"ONE OF THE BEST COMEDIES OF THE YEAR!"

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### ..... by Todd James

THE CABLE GUY Jim Carrey takes a darker road in this story that delivers fewer laughs than a Carrey audience is accustomed to having. Carrey plays Chip Douglas, a lonely and obsessed cable installer who takes a liking to Steven (Matthew Broderick). Broderick's calm bewilderment is an excellent balance to Carrey's hammy performance. The first 30 minutes showcase Carrey's manic talents and provide genuine belly laughs. The film soon takes a darker turn as Steven rejects Chip's cloying and suffocating friendship. It's not your average schtick comedy and actually provokes some thought about a society that so often uses television as a babysitter, teacher and friend. But when Carrey's character turns into a frightening stalker The Cable Guy has gone too far. It's unlikely audiences will follow this new direction for long—as the pace slows and the laughs cease to come with any regularity. (VV)

DRAGONHEART Dennis Quaid plays Bowen, a noble knight dedicated to the old code. When the young prince Einon is mortally wounded, only the lifeblood of a fire-breathing dragon saves him. He lives, but his heart grows wicked and he becomes an evildespotking. Believing the dragon is to blame, Bowen spends the next dozen years slaying dragons for gold and grows apathetic to the misery the now-grown king (David Thewliss) is causing his people. Draco, whose voice is provided by Sean Connery, is the only surviving dragon. He convinces Bowen to spare his life and a fast friendship is formed as they take on the evil king. The dragon, created by industrial Light and Magic (who did the dinosaurs in Jurassic Park), is the centerpiece of the movie. When dragon and knight are onscreen there's a magic that can only be reached with the presence of two very strong characters. When they're not, Dragonheart loses its fire. WWW

ERASER Arnold Schwarzenegger is elite federal marshall John Kruger, who will go to any lengths to protect an informant (Vanessa Williams) who can spill the beans on a governmen conspiracy. Eraser is all bullets and no brains. The action is furious but

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oh-so predictable. Arnie tries no less than five different catchphrases, including "You've been erased" and "I was stuck in traffic." It's no "Haste la vista, baby." James Caan, looking more and more frog-like, is terrible as a double-crossing villain. Even laughs provided by Robert Pastorelli (Murphy Brown) can't prevent Eraser from coming off like a cheap imitation of the much better True Lies. [ ]

THE HUNCHBACK OF NOTRE DAME

Based on but barely resembling Victor Hugo's 19th century classic, Disney's animator's and storyteiers give us a cute and cuddly Quasimodo (Tom Hulce) that the author would never have dreamed of. Quasimodo is the deformed bell ringer of Notre Dame, forever condemned to his towering prison by Minister of Justice Froilo (Tony Jay). His desire to walk among the ordinary citizens of Paris and his love for the gypsy Esmerelda (Dem Moore) put Quasi, as he's affectionally known here, on a collision course with his master, Frollo. Kevin Kline provides the voice for captain of the guard Phoebus, who has fallen for Esmerelda, and three gargoyles (Ja-son Alexander, Charles Kimbrough and the late Mary Wickes) provide comic relief. Is the hunchback for young children? Probably not. Some scenes are pretty intense, especially one that features Frollo in a battle with his lustful desires for Esmerelda Animators used Demi as a model, and Esmerelda's gyrations may rival her steamy performance in the upcoming Striptease. The animation neverfails to impress and the boisteroussongs will rattle in your head long after the lights are on. (VVV)

MISSION: IMPOSSIBLE If you decide to accept this mission, brace yourself for a movie that doesn't yoursell for a movie that doesn't quite live up to its high-powered advertising campaign. Tom Cruise does an adequate job playing computer-toting IMF agent Ethan Hunt. He's suspected of treason after a botched mission leaves his crew dead-including Jon Voight as Jim Phelps, the only character from the original TV show. While dodging a CIA operative (Henry Czerny), Hunt assembles two disavowed agents (Ving Rhames and Jean Reno) to catch

containing the names of IMF agents as bait. There are really only two big, them both in the TV ads. (VVV)

THE PHANTOM Before Superman ple-suited superhero with no super-human skills—the Phantom. The Phantom likely won't find huge mov ie audiences-and that's a shame The Phantom is a cartoon-style adventure that features romantic, exotic settings and good, clean fun Billy Zane (Dead Calm) plays Kit Walker, the 20th in a long line of Walkers who carry the torch as The Phantom, protector of the jungle island of Bengalia and mortal enemy of the evil Sengh brotherhood. Treat Williams is Xander Drax, a tongue-incheek villain with designs on pos-sessing the powerful skulls of Touganda. Director Simon Wincer gives
The Phantom the feel of a throwback to the days of serial adventures. OK it's hard to take a superhero in a purple suit too seriously, but that's the point: plenty of action, laughs and old-fashioned adventure.

THE ROCK Ed Harris plays a deco rated general who points deadly chemical weapons at San Francisco from the prison island of Alcatraz The general's goal is to hold hostages for the benefits of forgotten soldiers killed during covert govern-ment operations. Nicholas Cage (Leaving Las Vegas) plays an FBI chemical weapons expert with little field experience who must rely on John Mason (Sean Connery), the only man alive to have escaped from Alcatraz. Mason is a top-secret federal without trial. Director Bay hardly gives the audience time to breathe as The Rock hits stride in the open ing sequences and rarely lets up Cage and Connery aren't given a lot of chances to act, but when they do, they're a good team. [VVVV]

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A group of kids learned how to spark a fire without matches.

# Museum turns archaeology into weekend gamesfest

EXHIBITIONS

PreVIIF BY KEN

With out the aid of a card-board box or a souped-up DeLorean, the Provincial Museum offers people the opportunity to travel back in time. This is a limited time offer, though. The Ancient Olymipcs will only be happening this Sunday and Monday

Exploring Alberta's archaeological-heritage is the theme of the weekend and it will be presented in several manners

The most family-friendly activities are the actual sporting events. Flintknapping (the art of starting matchless fires), tepee-building races, scavenger hunts, atalati throwing (a form of spear-chucking) and rock cairn relays are a few of the endeavours available for the truely energetic. Slightly more subdued children may be interested in rock wall painting, the creation of bison hats, birch bark canoes or ancient face painting

Those interested in our history can watch as museum archaeolo g. Dr. Hienz Pyszcyk, examines the high terraces which surround were a lot of companies in the area as a salas had to

and he hopes to discover evidence of ancient residents. Searching for stone tools, pieces of bone or an ancient hearth, he will demonstrate how an actual dig functions

we can show people how we excavate and what we're looking for, states Pyszcyk

Those inclinded towards a less active role have two lectures to chose from. On Sunday, awardwinning writer Heather Pringle will talk about what is happening in North America as far as archaeology is concerned.

Bringing things closer to home is Jack Brink. As a museum employee he will discuss the realities of Alberta discoveries and how our perceptions of local activities may

"When people think of archaeology they think of elsewhere, explains Brink

"We don't have gigantic stud tures and thusly the activity is not as visible. Still the story is just as fascinating if not more so. People don't have to go to Greece or Rome to see some amazing stories in ar

Ancient Olympics Provincial Museum

"Even if we don't find anything

ongoing pressure on her best friend Toby (Heidi Thomas), who is a lesbian. Alexander inadvertantly makes an impact on his patron Mr. Prufrock (Matthew Brennan). whose fortune has become an encumberance. Do they have enough of an effect on each other to call it

Marred only slightly by a few

# **Gen-Xers create wave** of theatrical rebellion

BY CHAUNCEY FEATMERSTONS

tions he Gen-Xers are asking ques-

Can't figure these kids today. Back in the '70s we had it sussed Not only did we have the questions, but we had the answers! We wrote 'em down!

Could it be that vaguely defined bunch born post-1970 feels obligated to ask questions again? Are they-rebelling?

The Festival of The NeXt Generation, from June 19-23, turned Theatre Network's Roxy house into a forum. Through theatre, art, music and screen, questions were asked, answers assayed and talents showcased

Brad Moss, Ben Henderson, Kevin Hendricks and volunteers (another vaguely-defined bunch) crewed the festival on its inaugural voyage. Some things went wrong: posters didn't arrive from the printers until opening day; programs didn't arrive until the day after; schedules got skewed; crowds were small

But where things went right they went right magnificently.

Theatrically, NeXtFest fills the niche left open by the Citadel's defunct TeenFest and, more importantly, adopts the philosophy left behind by the Fringe.

The plays, playwrights and/or casts were new—in some cases raw. They were dangerous, experimental on easily a half-dozen levels, intriguing, awful, excellent, risky. No guaranteed crowd-pleasers

Moss, Henderson, and Ian Ferguson of Union Theatre juried five new works (some of which were subjected to intensive workshopping), two frontrunners from the Provincial Drama Festival and six works-in-progress.

Here's what they put on stage

### · Scorpions

Scott Sharplin pens an intelligent, witty urban drama about Clarissa (Amy Schindel) and Alexander (Clinton Carew) as they wrestle with the meaning of life. The freewheeling Clarissa returns from vacation, rattled by a life-changing car accident. Her artistic, inarticulate homebody, Alexander, has moved a two-ton block of concrete into their living room—having broken his own rule by accepting a commission from a wealthy patron.

Clarissa inadvertantly places

redundancies but compensated for by a committed cast, Sharplin is only a draft or two away from a marvellous character piece. Lesser scripts have garnered bigger budg-

· The Almond Trees

stumped by the surreal characters. the illogical storyline and the decided lack of resolution, but gosh, it sounds purty

Director Sophie Lees loves poetry, too. As the story of two young women on vacation in the mystical city of Abdurahman unfolded, she moved her cast about with efficiency, creating simple and dramatic pictures which enhanced the words. Unfortunately, it was at the expense of clearly-defined, powerful characters. Michailides's nonending didn't help.

Intriguing, haunting even-given Michailides' and Lees' strengths-The Almond Trees comes up just shy of being completely satisfying. Hey, maybe another draft.

It's funny how speculative fiction works so well in print or on screen, but on stage it somehow falls flat. Sean Callaghan presents a world where undesirables are regularly rounded up and butchered, their meat distributed in a macabre rationing.

A policeman (Kevin Kruchkywich) comes home, catching his wife (Sharla Matkin) and Robert (Murray Utas) post-coitus. He and Robert spend a few tense, barely civil moments together until Robert is able to leave on his own

As the man confronts his wife and she relates her day over dinner, she reveals how dangerously close she is to becoming a "siren"an undesirable her husband is committed to ridding

Well-paced and performed, No. Please-is probably better suited to a different medium.

### Benedetta Carlini-Lesbian Nun of Renaissance Italy

Cool. Rosemary Rowe split the difference between Scorpions and The Almond Trees, bouncing back and forth between 18th-century Italy and the present day.

Clare (Claire Muir), early into her degree, discovers the story of Benedetta (Kathryn Osterburg) while doing a class project. The nun nearly received beatification until rumor spread that she had had carnal relations with Sister Bartolomea (Audrey Armstrong).

Clare obsesses with the tanta lizing incomplete story. What does she find most fascinating? Benedetta's faith? Her bravery to love another woman? Or was the nun sadly, humanly delusional? Gwen, Clare's classmate (Michelle Martinuk) knows just how Benedetta

The Professor (Samantha Banks) guides her charges through time like Miss Grundy with a faster comeback.

Good stuff and strong performances all around.

### · Shells

A collective work by Multi-Youth Productions out of Stony

Kids, I'm going to get personal. Your hearts are in the right place, your idealism admirable. Discrimination is bad, you painted it on

What you put on stage was two hours of ingnorant, ill-coordinated, ego-ridden, deafeningly naive crap. The kinds of discrimination you played out are easy to identify and easily ignored. Real discrimination is more subtle, a lot more insidious and evil. You picked an easy catch-all subject and copped

Do your research by looking around you and listening careful ly, not by watching American TV How many times have you heard Paki or wagon-burner or buttfucker in casual conversation without the melodramatic histrionics you supply? Hit us at home

Lose characters who say "look at me." Lose about six of your sto rylines. Lose half your running time. And, until you know what you're talking about, lose the question-and-answer period.

Finally, everybody has to show up at every rehearsal, every time

You have something important to say. Learn about it. We'll learn from you. We will.

### · Never Swim Alone (Provincial Drama Pestival)

"This is the beach, here is the bay, that is the point...

Kimberly Liviniuk and Jodic Anderson bent gender and time warped 25 years to play A. Francis Delorenzo and William (Bill) Wade two middle-aged businessmen in a one-on-one dick-swinging contest Their Referee (Kristi Carter) is a pretty young woman who played a pivotal role in their boyhood frien-

Daniel MacIvor's established script plays like a high-concept MacLean and MacLean sketchfast, funny, poetic and occasionally crude. The cast and management, based out of Spruce Grove Composite High, obviously chose the play as an experiment in character study.

Really different. Many huzzahs to director Darren Phelps and crew

### · Seeds (Provincial Drama Festi-

Pat thought of him as a son; Isa thought of him as a window to the outside world. One of them suspects the other one knows what happened to the handsome hired

Playwright Gordon Pengilly provided the script, showcasing the talents of this Victoria School pair. challenging them to create characters beyond their years.

Pat (Dean Davey) and Isa (Kailin See)—a rough-hewn farmer and his pretty young wife—weather an Alberta prairie windstorm, never quite sure if they are quietly thinking their thoughts or accidentally speaking them out loud.

Fine dramaturgical analysis on the parts of Davey and See with help from director Nadine Der-

The Syncrude Festival of the NeXt Generation needs to come back next year. The sponsors are there, additional venues are available and plenty of willing youth are ready to spout off (aren't they always?).

# Theatre's big nig

BY ARAXI

was a virgin to the Sterlings last year. It was painful and messy with no cuddling afterwords.

This year I enjoyed the big show, held Monday at the May

Sheri Sommerville and Joey Tremblay hosted this year. It sure was a good thing they had couches on stage: as the night wore on, the Sambuca started talking. Sommerville's chocolate vox and Tremblay's Fantasy Island tuxedo began the night with class that slowly devolved into goofiness. The result? A ribaldry semblant of Irma

Anybody seen that movie?

Oh

It got pretty silly near the end. I was just trying to sound clever.

The Sterlings are supposed to be silly. It's really like Christmas dinner for the theatre community People you haven't seen in ages get together in their fanciest duds, stuff themselves blue, catch up over gin and tonic give each other stuff (be it awards, recognition, a smoke, bitchery or sexual favours).

But if you're not a among a certain clique in the theatre community, a lot of the show will go over your head.
The in-jokes are in high satura-

tion at these events. Most people

laugh so they won't look like dorks. But hey, it's the Sterlings.

Tremblay's Elephant Wake was the big winner, sweeping all four Fringe categories.

So I guess I have to list the winners now. You've probably already seen them in the Journal, but for those of you who read me information purposes (you fools) here goes

• Outstanding Production Of a Collective Or Independent Dancing At Lughnasa (Pagan Productions)

· Outstanding New Play Scraping The Surface (Lyle Victor Albert, Theatre Network Fringe Theatre Adventures)

• Outstanding Production Of A Musical The Secret Garden (Stage Polaris)

• Outstanding Performance by



Playwright David Belke

an Actress in a Leading Role Martha Henry (Three Tall Women, Citadel)

· Outstanding Production by an Actor in a Keading Role Michael Spencer-Davis (Vigil, Phoenix Theatre)

• Outstanding Performance by an Actress in a Leading Role Loretta Bailey (Simpatico, Phoenix

· Oustanding Performance by an Actor in a Supporting Role Wendell Smith (Simpatico, Phoenix Theatre)

· Outstanding Director Diana LeBlanc (Three Tall Women, Cita-

· Outstanding Set Design Robert Shannon (Young Art, Theatre Network)

• Outstanding Costume Design Judith Bowden (The Secret Garden, Stage Polaris)

• Outstanding Lighting Design Melinda Sutton (Metastasis, Northern Light Theatre)

 Outstanding Original Com-position Julien Arnold, Binaifer Kapadia (As You Like It, Freewill

• Outstanding Musical Director Randy Mueller (The Secret Gar den, Stage Polaris)

· Outstanding Choreography Marie Nychka (Cheaper By The Dozen, Stage Polaris)

· Outstanding Individual Achievement-Theatre For Young Audiences Robert Clinton (The Strange Case Of Dr. Jekyll And Mr Hyde, Stage Polaris)



Liz McLaughlin of the Free Will Players puffs on a stogie

· Outstanding Individual Achievement in Production Cheryl Hoover

• Outstanding Fringe New Work Elephant Wake (Jonathan Christenson, Joey Tremblay, Noises In The Attic)

· Outstanding Fringe Production Elephant Wake (Noises In The Attic)

• Outstanding Fringe Performance Damien Atkins (Miss Chatelaine, The Deeper Company), Joey Tremblay (Elephant Wake, Noises In The Attic)

• Outstanding Fringe Director Jonathan Christenson (Elephant Wake, Noises In The Attic)

Particularly touching was the award of Outstanding Contribtuion To Theatre In Edmonton awarded to Jim DeFelice. Protogée Andrea House left naught a snickering side-bar or dry eye in the place with her full-heart exultation of a man committed to his art and his

Darrin Hagen and Dave Clarke had the mother of all slapfights at the podium, tied for Outsanding Sound Design

A precedent was set that may shock and horrify some readers David Belke danced the Macarena at the Streling Party... and page ple... he did it WELL!

Could theatre as we know it be crumbling beneath us? Will the poles reverse?

Nah. But he might get a few phone numbers. Remember girls, he's not only witty and charming he's available

Despite some post-fest schmoozing and some vanilla-vanillavanilla dancing by some (you know who you are) the night rates six out of ten on the Arslanian Sincerity Scale

I think we're finally learning to talk to each other, folks. It will only lead to good things.

Vue ya next year at the Tenth Anniversary!

# Pack lunch to celebrate tent's 10th

VARIETY

K, hot shots, time for a pop quiz:

What's Edmonton's largest outdoor venue?

(Hint: it's not my backyard) That's right! It's that huge white tent sticking out of the middle of Hawrelak Park (also known as the Heritage Amphitheatre)!

Many diverse groups grace the Amphitheatre's guestbook, including the Edmonton Symphony, the Edmonton Opera, Rawlins Cross, the Irish Rovers, the Free Will players and many different families of birds and squirrels.

In addition to renting the Am-Phitheatre to these groups, the city does a bit of programming of its own, under the care of Laine

What started out as a series of Thursday night jazz concerts has blossomed into many different entertainment series, including this year's presentation of the Nev

hash is set up for this weekend With guests Patricia Conroy, various E-town percussion ensembles, and a co-pro with Jazz City.

The rewards of producing in an outdoor venue (like eating a picnic while working, for example), are balanced with the trials and tribulations.

"Ordinary" concert producers never have to worry about wind, rain, lightning, hot air balloons, helicopters, animals and residential neighborhoods.

Lunde says the rewards (picnic et al) vastly outweigh the challeng-

This weekend's fest starts off a season that is jam-packed with local and star talent.

Lunde says the Amphitheatre "has been, and will continue to be, a showcase for Edmonton talent.' As well as crowd pleasers such as Buffy Sainte-Marie and the Nev-

So prepare to pack a picnic, and be sure to include a birthday cake for the weekend's festivi-

Heritage Amphitheatre 10th Annivesary Celebrations



# **Biennial celebrates Alberta art**

**VISUAL ARTS** 

EFCEREN BA KEN

ravel the globe and you'll hear praise over Canadian art. Read an out-of-province publication and you'll find praise for our Albertan talent. Now here's a challenge walk around town and try to find a

Local appreciation and recognition has always been the bane of artists. Every two years, the Edmonton Art Gallery (EAG) and Calgary's Glenbow Museum do some

The Alberta Biennial of Contemporary Art 1996 is the first in an intended series of shows which will spotlight many of our progressive provincial artists

seen as the home of, "... metal sculpture and abstract paintings with lots of paint on them," states EAG head curator Bruce Grenville. Along with Katherine Mastin, senior curator of art at the Glenbow Museum, he hopes Albertans will discover the many forms of contemporary artists who exist within

Ranging from video art to a depiction of the landscape of Einstein's brain, the biennial encompasses all that is modern in Alberta's art scene

Keeping on the cutting edge there will be short videos of the artists instead of boring old written bios. Also, nothing can be con sidered modern these days if it al gallery will expose the artist to those who wish to view from home

After looking through over 3,000, works hy. 3 Lo 4426, those displaying were chosen. Some of those selected were Edmonton's own Jane Ash Poitras, Peter Hide and Catherine Burgess. Four individuals from Lethbridge will 🐟 exhibiting.Participation from the 60,000-person city includes Janet Cardiff and George Bures Miller, who have an interactive soundscape at the show. Other participants include Sara Diamond and Steven Hutchings from Banff along with Chris Chan from Calgary

After finishing here, the show will move to the Glenbow and exhibit from November to March. Albertan art should be more accessible but, since it isn't, this is a once-in-a-two-year chance to see what the other countries and provinces are raving about, our own

June 28-Sept. 8

# Cristo! Zeez guys are funny!

THEATRE BY CHAUNCEY FEATHERSTON PreVIIF

At 9:30 a.m. on a Saturday morning nobody wants to do nuthin' real bad. Accordingly, the parking lot at the Polaris rehearsal space at old St. Margaret's School is pretty empty.

Marie Nychka (one of the trio appearing onstage) is already in her office, diligently prepping for the day's har-har fest that would be the rehearsal for Not the Count of Monte Cristo

Her two cohorts, Jeff Haslam and Jeff Page, are still presumably munching Wheaties in spaces of their own.

"Jeff and Jeff are just the funniest men alive," she chuckles in mock exasperation

Nychka plays "all the girl parts" phys Mercedes and Valentine—one a member of the cast, the other a character. Not the Count revolves around an ego-ridden, who's-got-

the-keys-to-the-theatre acting troupe attempting to stage (you guessed it) The Count of Monte Cristo. It's two, two plays in one...

"Jeff Haslam plays the actor who plays the Count of Monte Cristo." she elaborates, "Jeff Page plays three or four different characters—at one point they are all on stage at the same time. It's insane. Unless you see the show none of this will make any sense to you at all."

Nychka arrived in Edmonton

Nychka arrived in Edmonton six years ago, taking up position as Polaris's resident choreographer and freelancing for other companies

Prior to acting on the dinner theatre circuit and operating a Ukranian dance school in Saskatoon, she danced the big ones

"My background is very classical," she accepts a little prodding and continues

"I danced ballet in Rome, all over Italy, umm. Brazil. I danced in Swan Lake, Giselle... then about 10 years ago, slowly, slowly I started getting into acting—learning how to have fun."

And she laughs

Edmonton's theatre community caught her and kept her.

From one who knows: "It's definitely the best. It's an amazing city."

The topic winds its way back to the play and Nychka patiently but vainly tries to explain the convoluted storyline to her groggy audience again, always avoiding giving too much away. There was something on Richard Chamberlin and 19 years in prison...

lin and 19 years in prison...
"..there's revenge and jealousy and all of that-"

Is there a car chase?

"Well, y'know, rehearsal period isn't finished yet, with Jeff and Jeff you never know," she says emphatically. Then she appears to be actually wondering.

Clearly, the interview is stalling but it is 10 a.m. anyway. Nychka, her energy level high and a belly-laugh at the ready, leads the way to the converted classroom to do the stretch out her dancer's



Marie Nychka, Jeff Haslam and Jeff Page do some French flag-waving.

years require of her. She's looking forward to rehearsal with "the funniest men alive."

"It's fascinating to watch them practice their craft," she enthuses. "How they work off each one another, develop their material..."

And there sits an empty room.

"Oh yeah," she grins, "they're also always late."

Not the Count of Mante Cristo Varicons June 28 - July 14

# Street Vue By Klodyne Rodney

So, even after a few too many martinis I was still able to take reasonable aim and shoot a few pictures at the Sterlings. What a great show. Got to love Dana Anderson announcing Tommy Banks as the newest member riookahman and then tossing him a package of rolling papers. I don't know if you noticed, but there were an awful lot of women outfitted by fags at the awards Marie Nychka, Pat Darbasie, Divina Stewart and Leslie Kroll were but a few whose fashion sense was assisted by boys Did they ever look fabulous! What would they have done without the likes of Dave Boechler and Harvey Anderson? Kudos go out to Margaret Mooney (will she ever DIE?) for going on stage, pulling out her smokes and lighting up. What a woman of class! In one of the most touching moments of the evening (rivaling the minute taken to remember Wally McSween) Andrea House partribute to one of the most amazing men in our theatre community, Jim DeFelice. She asked a very good question: do you remember the very first time you met Jim? I do. I think I was 12. How about you?

Last week, Lorelei Loveridge gave her final Edmonton concert before heading off to Saudi Arabia for nine months. This is the same artist whose music was selected by the producers of the Party of Five. The scene of the concert was the unlikely venue of the Varscona Theatre. Nice place for a congert. I hope more happens there-it's so civilized to be able to drink a beer while watching the show. Accompanying her were drummer/percussionist Dwayne Hrynikiw of the Jump Orchestra and guitarist Barrie Nighswander of Tacoy Ryde and the Mavens. Out in the audience were writer Leslie Kroll, designer Roger Shultz, the Alberta Dance Alliance's Bobbi Westman and Josh Keller, Executive Director of the Edmonton Arts Council.

So, guess who's coming back to town? After a six-week absence in Vancouver, John Cooper, the new artistic director at the Phoenix Theatre, is leaving his family once again to set up residence here for the rest of the season. How much you want to bet he'll spend way too much time down at the Jazz City Festival? Welcome back!

Heather Bishop (no, not the dyke singer), promotions gal over at CBC, is now back

from maternity leave. Taking care of their little muffin while mom is at work is papa Shaun Quigley, the last to Theatre. Last

Artistic Director of Nexus Theatre. Last week though, he took some time off from the job to fill in for three days as a character in Tony 'n Tina's Wedding

Speaking of which, Tony 'n Tina's Wedding, which plays at the Garneau United Church and the Garneau Community Hall until July 29, has lowered its ticket price to a measiv \$24.99! Not bad for an interactive show and huge Italian meal. I think I'll check it out this coming week

The depressing march of downsizing, rightsizing and reengineering drums can be heard at television studios all over Edmonton. With all the competition, it seems the stations are doing what they can to get out of the production business and concentrate on selling air time. Not only are there the CFRN casualties (like Seanna Collins) but there are a whole host cutbacks over at Videotron, too. Word is that Brad Walker and Tim Dancy, after years of service at Videotron, have been told their talents are now only wanted in a free lance capacity. What's going on over there? First it's host, now it's producers... How on earth are they going to fulfill their CRTC requirement of community programming and run the EDGE?

So have you heard what Jennifer Wigmore is up to these days? Well, she's out in the beautiful clime of B.C., working on Brad Fraser's Poor Superman. Brad cast her in the show after the originally-cast actress quit one week before the show. It seems she wasn't aware there was nudity in the play... Ah, Jennifer, you're a lucky woman. Where will your career take you next?

While on the subject of Poor Superman, Darrin Hagen (recently seen lounging in the wading pool at city hall dressed in a mermaid outfit to promote his upcoming Fringe show) is doing the music for the Chicago production. This is the second American production of Poor Superman and the second piece he's had to work on long distance without being able to see the show. Can't imagine how hard that must be.

Yeah, Lornal Lorna Murray, queer activist, supporter of the arts and all-around great gal, has just been appointed as the new general manager of ProCoro. Yeah, kornal-



Jeff Page and Kathleen Rootseart, parents of one of E-town's newest, Lily May Page

No word as yet on who will replace her irreplaceable self at Fringe Theatre Adventures where she had been working diligently on the Fringe's Angel campaign.

So my question this week is: What is filmmaker extraordinaire Ken Berry doing in town? He's been seen here and there around town, including the Festival of the NeXt Generation. Word on the street is that he's here for two weeks, but what's he up to?

One of the expectant mothers I was wondering about last week has already delivered her bundle of love. New to this world is Kathleen Rootseart and Jeff Page's little one, Lily May Page. Mom has come home but the wee one, born fairly premature, will be in hospital a little while longer. To answer the question: yes, she's doing well. No worries. Happy birthday, baby.

Theatre Network, thank you very much. I can hardly believe what a fabulous weekend the Festival of the NeXt Generation provided! Over the course of the festival, unofficial figures of show attendance on the final night put the tally at between 1,200 and 1,300 people! One of the most exciting bits of news to come out of that night was the announcement made by Syncrude's Darcy Levesque that the oil company had plans to support the festival next year!

Checking out the festival was like going to Calgary for Alberta Theatre Project's Blita Weekend. Speaking of which, Rob Moffat, playwright, former Edmontonian and current dramaturge at ATP, came all the way to Edmonton just to check this festival out! Here's hoping he saw some stuff worth

It's interesting that a couple of the productions seemed to coincide perfectly with what was happening in the rest of the city One of those would be Rosemary Rowe's Benedetta Carlini—Lesbian Nun of Renaissance Italy which tied in perfectly with Gay Pride Week. The other would be an excerpt of Project "B" written by deaf playwright Chris Dodd. This coming week promotes deaf and blind awareness.

As usual, Francis and Greta Sitwell were up front and centre for the entire thing. By the time Saturday morning came around, they had seen EVERY SINGLE production! They hung out for all four hours of the reading on Saturday and did the same Sunday! What Edmonton needs are about 50 more Sitwell couples. People who make it their mission to see everything that's produced in the city. Come to think of It, maybe they should be on the Sterling Committee!

Klodyne Rodney is always looking for news 'n stuff about Edmonton guys and gals. You can fax ber at Vue Weekly (426-2889) or e-mail her at <streetvue@ vue.ab.es>.

# DINING OUT

# E-town

### BAKERIES

Skopek's Bake Shop (10115-104 St.) High on taste, high on life. Come ganache your teeth. Open 8 a.m-5 p.m. Mon.-Fri.

### BISTROS

Manor Café (10101- 125 St.) Remarkable location, flavor and service. Great prices on dishes from around the world. Patio. Kitchen open until 2 a.m. on weekends.

### CAJUN

Cajun House (7 St. Anne St. St. Albert) Worth the drive to sample some of the best lambalaya and gumbo in the

Da De O (10548-82 Ave.) Funky-style restaurant in an old-style diner on Whyte Ave Louisiana Purchase (10320-111 St.) Higher-end style of cooking from the Bayou and great atmosphere.

### CANADIAN

Barb and Ernie's (9906-72 Ave.) One of the best mom and pop operations in the city. Billiards Club (2-flr.-10505-82 Ave.) Rack 'em up and chow down, with heaps of burgers and mugs of ale.

Bones (10220-103 St.) Known as the place for ribs-on the

David's (8407 Argyll Road) Specializing in Alberta beef dishes on the south side of town High Level Diner (10912-88 Ave.) Wholesome and healthconscious-known for their tasty hummous and veggie

Keegan's (8709-109 St.) At any hour, the last word in Huevos Rancheros

Rosie's Bar and Grill (10604-101 St.) Nothing fancy, but sensible home cooking without

Turtle Creek Cafe (8404-109 St.) Continental-style bistro with good variety of dishes-pizza. stir-fries, pasta and more.

Von's Steak and Fish House (10309-81 Ave.) Alberta beef at its best and great seafood, too.

### DELICATESSENS

Hello Deli (10725-124 St.) Scrumptious sandwiches and all

Persimmon Delicatessan (10766-82 Ave.) Sandwiches with a wide assortment of mustards, spreads and more

### EAST INDIAN

New Asian Village (10149 Saskatchewan Dr.) Cooking at its best from the subcontinent with a t panoramic river valley view FRENCH

Claude's On the River (9797 Jasper Ave.) A legend in French

The Creperie (10220-103 St.) Romantic ambience highlights the best crepes in town. Normand's (11639A-Jasper

Ave.) Fine cooking with a good selection of wild game Sunday brunch is excellent

The Mill Gasthaus (8101-101 St.) Hearty restaurant with aff the classic dishes.

### ITALIAN

Bruno's Italian Restaurant (9914-89 Ave.) Quiet, familystyle dining and one of Edmonton's best-kept secrets. Chianti (10501-82 Ave.)

Boticelli paintings serve as a offering the best pasta selections in town.

Fiore Cantina Italiana (8715-109 St.) Good, affordable, restaurant off campus.

Giovanni's Restaurant (10130-107 St.) Delicious cuisine for a song—featuring Giovanni himself when he breaks into a heart-stopping aria.

Il Portico (10012-107 St.) Trendy downtown restaurant with fresh, imaginative dishes La Casa Ticino (8327-112 St.) Located in a great old house just north of College Plaza,

Rigoletto's Cafe (10044-95 St.) Italian/continental spot on Rice Howard Way-lunch, dinner or late snacks

Sorrentino's (10844-95 St.) In the heart of Little Italy, serves delicious authentic Italian fare The Old Spaghetti Factory (10220-103 St.) Heaping plates of spaghetti served with their patented thick, tasty sauce.

Tony Roma's (11730-Jasper Ave.) Great barbecue chicken and ribs with lots of food on your plate.

Zenari's on 1st (10117-101 St.) Humble, artsy hangout with appetizing combinations of soup, sandwiches and

### **JAPANESE**

Furasato (10012-82 Ave.) Cozy restaurant featuring a choice selection of meals from the Land of the Rising Sun

Mikado (106651-116 St.) The oldest Japanese restaurant in Edmonton for a good reason Osaka (10511-82 Ave.) Good, affordable sushi and other authentic specialties on Whyte

Bul-Go-Gi House (8813-92 St.) expertly created just west of Bonnie Doon.

### MEXICAN

Julio's Barrio (10450-82 Ave.) Hearty dishes in a trendy neighborhood, perfect for your

### PASTRY

Pastel's Featuring Grabba

Jabba (10665 Jasper Ave.) Fresh pastry and excellent

### PIZZA

Andantino's (10111-124 St.) Pizza so good, it'll last until

Stone Age Wood Fired Food (10338-81 Ave.) Don't let the industrial atmosphere fool you Pizza served the traditional

Funky Pickle (10441-82 Ave.) Neatly tucked away on Whyte, offers tasty slices every time

### **SEAFOOD**

Joey's Only (11521-104 Ave.) Fish and chips galore—at an

Thomas' Fishermen's Grotto (9624-76 Ave.) Award-winning restaurant serves all the pleasures of the sea from a quaint neighborhood location Sir Winston's Authentic Fish & Chips (10415-51 Ave.) The true taste of England's fresh

### THAI

wait!

The King and I (10160-82 Ave.) Amazing selection of dishes—spicy and flavorful Good enough for Rolling Stones' Ron Wood.

battered copking while you

### VIETNAMESE

Bach Dang (7908-104 St.)

### UKRAINIAN

Pyrogy House (12510-118 Ave.) Pyrogies and cabbage rolls—just like Baba used to make.

# Vi do you ask?

REPRESENTE

The object of this week's game is simple

Where do you find great food, good atmosphere, a patio with a fabulous view of the river valley and not have to pay through the

The answer is obvious: Vi's

This little restaurant has been around for over a decade and is considered a gem by Edmonton's standards. The renovated old house on 111 Street and 97 Avenue, just across from the David Thompson building, is still as cute as ever. Vi's has dolled up all the rooms into mini dining salons, each capable of holding three or four tables. The restaurant feels warm and cozy and the service is friendly. We decide to go to my favorite place: the upper level

The second floor is labeled as a dining lounge; it has a fireplace in the centre and although it is the middle of June, I am glad it is fired up. Only eight more weeks and it'll be September... joy
We quickly visit the patio to

check out the fantastic view. You can see from the High Level Bridge to the Groat Road Bridge and be yond. Ya, I guess Edmonton isn't so bad after all-now let's go back inside: I'm freezing!

Vi's has the reputation for offering the absolute best sandwiches in town but that's not where the menu stops. Thai spring rolls, hummus, smoked salmon and crunchy

vegetable salad are good starters while the four-cheese tortellini. vegetable lasagna or tiger shrimp in pernod sauce make the entree selection quite impressive

I stick with the soup and club sandwich special while my date goes for the chicken curry

The Thai chicken noodle soup is loaded with cubed veggies and strips of chicken in a spicy aromatic stock that hits the spot.

The famous sandwich consists of oversize to asted bread filled with moist and tender chicken breast tomatoes, lettuce, cucumber cheese, mayo and strips of crunchy bacon, cut the old-fashioned wayin half. It feels like home and every ingredient is perfect. The chicken curry is also great: cubed boneless breast of chicken is served with Thai curry-coconut milk sauce on a bed of rice. It has kick without being too overpowering, thanks to the chutney and cucumber vogurt that counter-balance the spices.

We'd like to finish off with cappuccinos but we're informed that Vi's only has a machine downstairs and that carrying steaming liquids up and down the steep stairs is not such a good idea. We agree and opt for flavored teas

The bill was sub-\$20 for the food We won't bring up the wine tabstaying long, enjoyable hours at Vi's is an easy thing to do.

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10030-102 Street, 423-7820 THU 27: Maracujah SUN 30: Summerskool-All Ages Rave TUE 2: the Buicks, Scarlet, Tractor Boy SUN 7: Strung Out, Diesel Boy, Choke (All Ages)

10335-105 Street, 425-2414 every WED: Agro Wednesdays FRI 28: Razer, Inquisition, Grind SAT 29: Pugnacious, Sub-version,

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10329-82 Avenue, 439-5058 every SAT. Blues Jam THU 27-SAT 29: Down Child's Blues Band

### 'B' SCENE STUDIOS

8212-104 Street, Basement, 432-0234

6005-103 St (CKER Building), 433-5183 THU 27: Rawlins Cross, Melanie Doane SAT 29: the Next Big Thing THU 4. Black Cabbage FRI 5: Oscar Lopez

### CLUB CAR

FRI 28-SAT 29: Runaway Train

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10957-124 Street, 453-1769 FRI 28. Cafe Gurus

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10812 Kingsway, 479-4266 THU 27-SUN 30: Dead Man's Train SAWMILL

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THU 27-SAT 29: Mustang Johnny

5708-75 Street, 462-2855 THU 27-SAT 29 Ken Polanski

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16648-109 Avenue, 444-7474 THU 27-SUN 30: Shameless TUE 2-SAT 7: Tineta

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THU 27-SAT 29: Electric Hillbillies

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12340 Fort Road, 474-5476 every FRI-SAT: Second Chance Band

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Continental inn, 16625 Stony Pl Rd, 988-3372 THU 27-SAT 29: Sayler Reins

### TRANSIT HOTEL

12720 Fort Road, 475-5714 THU 27-SAT 29: Lorilee Brooks

### WILD WEST

12912-50 Street, 476-3388 every SAT aft: Jam THU 27-SAT 29: Prairie Knights

### POP & ROCK

### BLACK DOG

10439-82 Avenue, 439-1082 SAT 29 aft. Scott Wicken

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10220-103 Street, 429-0886 every SUN: Originals Show THU 27: Jazz City Jam FRI 28-SAT 29: Blackboard Jungle SUN 30. McCormick & Ward TUE 2: Sophie & the Shufflehounds

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### BELLAMY'S LOUNGE

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MON 1: Pazzport

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MOONWOOM

THU 4: Smokey's Playground

### YESTERDAY'S LOUNGE

IAZZ

10330-84 Avenue, 432-7166 MON 1: Ab Baars Trio

# SAT 29, THU 4, SAT 6: Stuart Crosley. Mike Gillespie, & Diane Donovan

FRI 28: George Shearing & Neil Swainson

### 432-7166 HELLO DELI

HERITAGE AMPITHEATRE

# SUN 30: Urban Jazz Ensemble, Screaming Headless Torsos, the Jimi Hendrix Project

# JAZZ STREET FREE AFTER-NOON STAGE

### THU 4: Mike Gillespie Trio SAT 6. Bill Emes Trio

FREE EVENING STAGE

SAT 29: Jim Brennan Quintet SUN 30: Robin Nolan Swing Trio

# MON 1. Bill Jamieson Quartet TUE 2: Jerrold Dubyk Quartet WED;3: Yuri Honing Trio

# THU 4. Bob Stroup Quintet FRI 5. EBBS Big Band

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FRI 28-SAT 29: Helen Nolan FRI 5-SAT 6: Lori Biamonte

FRI 28 Bob Wiseman SAT 29: PJ Perry Quartet WED 3: Paul Plimley

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metamorphosis is at hand, shedding control in stages, allowing yourself to

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### WESTIN HOTEL

10135-100 Street, 451-8000 FRI 28 Strunz & Farah SAT 29: the Jazz Passengers with Deborah Harry, Robin Nolan Swing Tho SUN 30 John Pizzarelli Trio, Lorraine Desmaris Quartet with Tiger Okoshi TUE 2: the Dirty Dozen, Linda Hornbuckle & No Delay

WED 3. Owen Howard Quinter

THU 4 Owen Howard Quintet

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decision-making, where should you relocate? To whom should you commit? Ever the wonder of whims, just check out both if it's a two-choice month. At least mood swings won't be driving you to gripe-actually a period of major doing. Health is sound and energy seems bountiful

Watch For: A Capricorn to unhinge frustrations. A Libra to travel with. Leo to break out some bubbly

Tarot Cards interpreted by Paul Cor ings/consultations, call 447-1691.

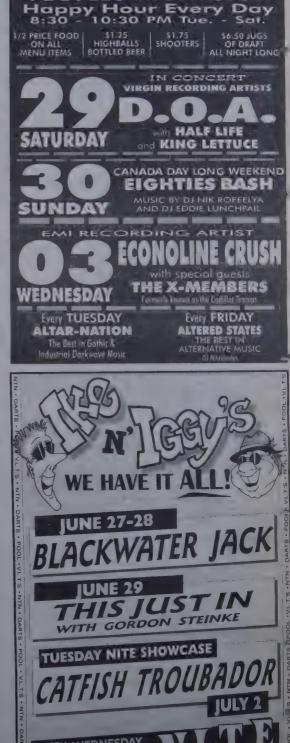
### 9910-109 Street, 424-7219 FRI 28, FRI 5-SAT 6: Mary Thomas & Chang Schneidmiller 10625-51 Avenue, 434-5666 every FRI-SAT. Dining and Dancing with MICKEY FINN'S WED 3: Tabu Ley Rochereau et L'Orchestre Afrisa International 10511A-82 Avenue, 439-9852 SUN 30, SUN 7: Ken Myers Trio THU 4-SAT 6: Jazzberry Ram FROG & NIGHTGOWN 9013-88 Avenue, 469-8165 THU 4. Punjabi by Nature, Maracujah FRI 5-SAT 6: Gerry Malcolm FRI 5: Lorainne Klaasen, Show-Do-Man SAT 6: Conjunto Cespede LION'S HEAD PUB 4440 Calgary Trail, 437-6010 THU 27-SAT 29, Alan Clark 10139-124 Street, 482-3531 WESTIN HOTEL LOBBY THU 27, SUN 30: Michael Bears 10135-100 Street, 426-3636 FRI 28. CBC Radio Active Live MON 1-SAT 6 Mark McGarrigle MONK A NUN PUB 8204 Jasper Avenue, 429-1248 every THU: Open Jam POWER PLANT SUN 30-MON 1 Bertoncini Tno TUE 2-WED 3: Mboya Nicholso of A, 492-3101 THU 4-FRI 5. Bruce Mohascy YE OLDE PUB 10151-103 Avenue, 421-7346 every THU-FRI. Celtic Music-bring your own CDs WESTIN HOTEL THU 4-FRI 5: Nigel Mack & the MARLBORO RM, 10135-100 St, 451-8000 SAT 29: Judi Singh & the New Orleans Connection CLASSICAL MUSIC PROVINCIAL MUSEUM THEATRE ALBERTA COLLEGE CONSERVATORY 12845-102 Avenue, 451-8000 SAT 6: Toronto Tabla Ensemble with 10815 Jasper Avenue, 448-0037 FRI 28-SAT 29. Maria Manna Trio Muttart Hall, 10050 Macdonald Dr. 425-7401 THU 27, the Hammerhead Consort FRI 5-SAT 6: Harley Symington Quartet RAVEN PUB 8232-103 Street, 436-1569 YARDBIRD SUITE LIVE COMEDY 10203-86 Avenue, 432-0428 FRI 28. CO2 North FRI 28-SAT 29: Daniel Schnee Trio FRI 5-SAT 6: Daniel Schnee Trio YUK YUK'S Bourbon St., WEMI, 481-9857 THU 27-SAT 29: Reed Rankin, Jay Jacobson, Chuck Byrn THU 4-SAT 6: Craig Cambell, Nick Wilty, Jason Laurans SAT 29. Joe Lovano Quartet SUN 30. Doran-Struder-Minton-Ali, Bernie McGann Trio ROYAL GLENORA CLUB 11160 River Valley Road, 482-2371 TUE 2 Mike Rud Trio MON 1: Bernie McGann Tric WED 3: A Love Supreme month is an outdoor tea dance. Noth-Libra to instill some positive reinforc ing. A Capricorn to kiss off PISCES: Squiggling to the challenge of Horoscopes for July consituting your existence. You may CANCER: Others may have you labelled as a floundering beached craw out of it less cluttered.

Watch For: An Aries to prod for action.

A Leo to share diluted rays of warmth

healing, rather than relying on a series of quacks who confuse. Pretend this

A Gemini to strike up sparks



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PEOPLES NIGHTCLUB



### GALLERIES SHOWS OPENING

### ANCHA

9A, Edimonton Centre, lower level, 426-4520
WORLD 96; 157 570P OKLAHOMA: From the
award-winning Cache Public School in
Oklahoma\_june 28-july 14. ARCHETYPES
AND IMPRESSIONS: Paintings and drawings by
Salika Arsts.Open reception July 6, 7 PM
(Oklahoma artists present).

1 Sir Winston Churchill Sq. City Hall Foyer INTERNATIONAL ARTIST-IN RESIDENCE 96: Featured artists include: Nins Hole, Kathryn Finnerty, Al Raynolds, Chuck Wissinger, et

### CHURCHILL SOUARE

Sir Winston Churchill Sq. Heart of Edmonton OVERLAY: Carla Costuros, Maria Formolo et al.Installation Until Jul 10. Performance. FRI 28-SUN 30, 7 PM.

### DOUGLAS UDELL 10332-124 St 488-4445

In conjunction with the Alberta Biennial, the Edmonton Art Gallery and the Glenbow Museum. Thru July

### **EDMONTON ART GALLERY**

2 Sir Winston Churchill Sq., 422-6223

THE ALBERTA BENNIAL OF CONTEMPORARY
ART 1996: The most comprehensive survey of contemporary Alberta art, and the first exhibition of its kind in the province. Painting, sculpture, videos and computer generated 3 D images. Opening reception FRI, June 28. 8

CHILDREN'S GALLERY ART WORK. A hands-on CHIERRY SUPLERY ART WORK A hands-o-gallery space where learning about art invol-interaction, role play and maginative speculation. A place to learn by doing and making, June 29-jan 5. Opening reception: SUN, June 30, 2-4 PM.

### FOYER GALLERY

Centennial Library, 7, Sir Winston Churchill Sq., 497-7070

IMAGES OF HOPE. THE DONNA CIPIN
COLLECTION: A selection of 19 photographs
from the Foundations archives, june 28-july 10

## GRANT MACEWAN COMMUNITY COLLEGE

City Centre Campus Bldg, 10700-104 Ave, 497-

FINE ART PROGRAM STUDENT EXHIBITION RISK EXPERIMENTATION, RESOLVE Painting, drawing, sculpture, photography, installation, serography and video. Opening reception: FRI, June 28, 2-5 PM

### HARCOURT HOUSE GALLERY

3rd Floor, 10215-112 St. 426-4180
8ROWN PAPER PACKAGES TIED UP WITH
STRING: WECAN membership show Until July
13. Opening reception FRI, June 28, 7:30-10
PM

NAKED IV: Works by artists who work from

# INDIGO PRINT AND PAPERWORKS

12214 Jasper Ave.
CopyarVEST PILGRIMS: Photographs of immigrant farm workers in Ontano. July 1-26. LATITUDE 53

10137-104 St. 423-5353

0137-104 Sc. 423-5353
SIGHTING THE MALE: Exploration of the male body image. Chuck Samuels' photographs deconstruct popular photos featuring female models and presents them with images of himself. Evan Penny's realist sculptures approach the conflict of growing older and the desire to maintain male physical beauty and strength, June 29-Aug Z. Opening reception SAT 29, Performances by Darrin Hagin & Leo Compas, 8 PM.

PAPER PRESENTATION: July 6, 8 PM.

Lecture: by realist figurative sculptor Evan Papay, July 27, 8 PM OPPERTSHAUSER

5411-51 St, Stony Plain, 963-2777

jerry Hein, Linda J. Carney, Dean Roeves -watercolors; Marjene Turnbull - clay, June 27-July30 Opening reception SUN June 30, 1-4

### **PROFILES GALLERY**

110 Grandin Park Plaza, 22 Sir Winston Churchill Ref St. Albert, 460-4310

Mariann Sinkovics, Cornelia Oszlovits. July 3-Aug 3.

### ROYAL LEPAGE BUILDING

SYMBOLS IN CIVILIZATIONS: The Alberta Society of Artists: June 28-July 10. Opening reception SAT, June 29, 12-4 PM.

### SCOTIA PLACE

Tower 1, 24 F. 422-4223 (EAG)

ART AT WORK. Major art donated to the collections of the EAG and the U of Aphthridge from corporate collections. From bronze sculptures of Auguste Rodin to the conceptual art of Dennis Oppenheim. Opening recaption: FRI June 28, 6-8 PM.

### SPECIAL-T-GALLERY

284 Saddleback Rd, 437-1192

International native artists, Archie Beauliei Norman Knost, Danny Dennis, J.G. Fiddlei Opening reception July 3, 7-9:30 PM.

### UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA

Fine Arts Bidg, 2230, 87 Ave, 112 St. 492-3034
MODERN DANISH FURNITURE DESIGN: Lecture
and slide presentation by Lawrence Hinsker, a
well-known Danish designer and developer of
the Conwood system of Rational Woodcompressing July 2, 7-9 PM.

dmonton Downtown Centre, 426-2122 DESIGNS ON THE FUTURE: A visual arts celebration, June 28-July 10.

GALA CELEBRATION: Manufile Place, 3rd FI
Terrace, FRI 5, 7 PM, Ph for tix.
TELUS WORKS, DESIGNS ON THE FUTURE
SYMPOSIUM: The Weston Hotel. A forum for
discussion about the rapidly changing global
design environment in the "90. FRI 5, 8 AM-I

### ART GALLERIES

### ALBERTA CRAFT COUNCIL

10106-124 St. 488-5900

THE GARDEN SHOW: AN ECLECTIC, DIVERSE SELECTION OF CRAFT PRODUCTS THAT RELATE TO THE GARDEN. GARDEN FURNITURE & ACCESSORIES, UNTIL AUG

### **EDMONTON ART GALLERY**

2 Sir Winston Churchill Sq. 422-6223

NEW PERMANENT COLLECTION EXHIBITION
SPACES: Organized by Vancouver curator John
O'Brain, professor in the department of fine
art University of BC. Ongoing

U of A, 1-1 Fine Arts 8ldg, 112 St, 89 Ave, 492-2081

IDIOSYNCRASIES: 2 & 3-D work by Industria Design students. OPTICAL FIBRES: Compute Imagemaking and the Book Arts (papermak design and printing, and book binding), electronic portfolios. Until July 24

### MCMULLEN GALLERY

U of A Hospital, 8440-112 St., 492-4211 CONTEMPORARY QUILTS: Laune Sobie and Judy Villetz: Until June 30

PASSION 8 POTTERS. Celebration of contemporary pots for use. Until June 30.

### PROFILES GALLERY

110 Grandin Park Plaza, 22 Sir Winston Churchill Ave, St. Albert, 460-4310

DARYL RYDMAN, ALLEN BALL Photo-based paintings by Daryl Rydman. The Fanklin Mint by Allen Ball. Until June 29

### ARTISTICALLY SPEAKING ART STUDIO

Callingwood Sq. 6717-177 St. 487-6559

STILL LIFE SENSATIONS: large oil canvases, clay sculptures by local artist Jean Birnie BFA.

THE ARTISTS MARKET PLACE Westmount Shopping Centre, 111 Ave, Groat Rd, 908-0320

Theresa Tailleur: pottery, June 29-July 5. Daily.

10403-124 St. 482-1204

Inuit and Iroquois soapstone carvings, prints and jewellery. New works by C.A. Henry, Noboru Kobo, Jane Van Alderwegen, Silvia Armeni, Stephen Roy and Maxine Noel.

### BUGERAKHET

10114-123 St. 482-2854 Rotating show of Gallery artists. Thru

### CAFE PARADISO

10334-108 Sr 433-9384

BETH'S GARDEN. New paintings by Iill Hiscox

### CAFE SOLEIL

10360 Whyte Ave. 438-4848

MOTHER: A series of paintings by Sandra Stevenson. Thru June.

LIFE: New works by sculptor Sharon Moore-Foster. Through June.

### DIALECTIC

10815, Jasper Ave, Basement, 425-2444 ZEN: Sculptures, avante garde furniture. FRI's & SATS, 8pm-3am.

### DOUGLAS UDELL

10332-124 St. 488-4445

Abstracted images, acrylic paintings by Pat O'Hara. Until June 30.

### EAGLE ONE GALLERY

9205A Argyll Rd, 435-5384

Works by Norma jerome and Karen Amett.

### ELECTRUM DESIGN STUDIO

12419 Stony Plain Road, 482-1402. WILLOW BASKETS: Dogwood baskets, handmade by Greg Lumsden. SONGLINES Monotypes, monoprints by Sophia Podry Shaw. Until June 29.

### THE FRINGE GALLERY

# images and sculptures. Until June 29. IST STEP AND NEXT STEP GALLERIES

A display of the creative calents of children from the far Alberta North. Until July 3.

GALERIE WOLTJEN

http://www.woltjenart.ab.ca Exhibit on the Internets W

### GIORDANO GALLERY

208 Empire Bldg. 10080 Jasper Ave. 429-5066 Works by Barbara Ballachey, Phill Mann, David Bolduc. Open Wed & Sat.

### IML GALLERY

10624-82 Ave, 433-6834

New works in oil by local artist Diane Southworth. Until june 16. Acrylic, water color and mixed-media by Joyce Kamiku Until July 12.

### KATHLEEN LAVERTY GALLERY

10411-124 St. 488-3619

A special show of Canadian Contemporary Prints. David Barnett, Margaret May, Ed Bartram, Bonnie Sheckter, Mary Rawlyk, et al. Until July 13. Ongoing displays of gallery artists

### MISERICORDIA

HEALTH CENTRE

18940-87 Ave. 484-8811. ext 6475
THE BOUNTIES OF NATURE: Elaine Booth-Kallweit, Lillian Cadman, Jeannine Chalifoux, Carol Rose, Until Aug 7.
MARKS OF THE ANCIENT ONES: Petroglyph series by Jean Blizabeth Tai. Until Aug 6.

### NOBLE CACTUS

10752-124 St. 455-9922

### ORIGINAL ART GALLERY

ELECTRIX: by Alice Goulet, Brigitte Rieckm and Barbara Would Schaefer. Until June 29.

### PRISTINE PIECES

201, 10324-82 Ave. 439-9026

Art by Virgil J. Tonn, reproductions Duk-ju-Lee. Carvings & jewellery by Allan Munro.

# **ROWLES & PARHAM**

**DESIGN GALLERY** 

Royal LePage Bldg, 10130-103 St, 426-4035 New works by Elaine Tweedy. Thru June.

### SERENDIPITY **GALLERY & FRAME SHOP**

9860-90 Ave. 433-0388 New oil paintings by Norm Pantel. Gallery

### SPECIAL-T-GALLERY

284 Saddleback Rd, 437-1192 Jean Tait, Eileen Raucher Sutton, Cindy Barratt, Until July 2.

### VANDERLEELIE

STEEL PENTIMENTI. A solo exhibit of recent sculpture by Isla Burns. Until July 15.

### WEST END

12308 Jasper Ave. 488-4892

COAST TO COAST rotating show of gallery artists. Featuring Ted Harrison - paintings; David Blackwood's etching. Until July 15

### MUSEUMS

### ALBERTA AVIATION MUSEUM

11410 Kingsway Ave. 453-1078 Aircraft on display and under restoration. Ci and military aviation history, library and gift shop. Dedicated to preserving Alberta's and Edmonton's Aviation Heritage. Open daily.

### ALBERTA RAILWAY MUSEUM

24215-34 St. 472-6229

Housed in the railway station built at St Albert in 1909

### CAMP WARWA

W Edmonton, Yellowhead, 43 N, to Alberta Beach on hwy 633 to West Cove, 892-3648 SUN 23: Open house, 9-4:30 PM. A community project of the Canadian Progress

## C&E(1891) RAILWAY MUSEUM

10447-86 Ave, 433-9739

### A replica of the 1891 station costumes & artifacts. Open CANADA'S AVIATION

HALL OF FAME

### Reynolds Alberta Museum, Hwy 13, 361-1351 DEVONIAN BOTANIC GARDEN

# 5 km North on Hwy 60, 987-3054 Authentic Japanese Garden, nature trail, 80 acres of connected gardens.

### EDMONTON PUBLICSCHOOLS McKay Ave Sch. 10425-99 Ave, 422-1970 THE SCHOOL UBRARY

FORT EDMONTON PARK South Edmt Quesnell Bridge, W. of White Pk, 496-8787

JOHN JANZEN NATURE CENTRE

ScAlbert Pt, S.St. Anne St. St. Albert, 459-1528
BUILDING BRIDGES: A VISIONARY EXHIBIT BY
MRS DE GRAW'S GRADE 3 CLASS AT FATHER
JAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL. St. Albert in 1862
were the first in the West to build a bridge,
these grade 3 students have constructed
models of their own ideal bridges. Until June
28. RECENT ACQUISITIONS. Artifacts acquired by

RECENT ACQUINITIONS, ATTURED SEVEN the Museum in the past year. GREAT ST. ALBERT MUC COLLECTION: Mugs representative of businesses and organization from St. Albert on display and wanted.

WILD IN THE CITY. Birds and animals that flourish among urban developments. Until Aug

JOHN WALTER MUSEUM

MON I: Canada Day Tea, 7-10 PM LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY INTERPRETIVE CENTRE

N. Legislature Grounds, undergro 422-3982

Kinsmen Park, 9100 Walterdale Hill, 496,4852 SUN 30: House Building

A TRIBUTE TO AVIATION IN ALBERTA: Displays from avazion museums, flying clubs, air shows and other Alberta avazion organizations. Until end of liul

MUSEE HERITAGE MUSEUM

from Sc. Albert on display and wanted. IS THE DOCTOR IN? When a doctor's surgery was in his own home. Also an archival exhibit using Dr. Cuts' family records. Until Jul 5. NINE FROGS AND A TOAD: The life and loves of frogs, Quebet's nine species of frogs and one species of toad. Until July 8.

### MULTICULTURAL

HERITAGE CENTRE

5411-54 St. Stony Plain, 963-2777
PIONEERS 2100 - THE GENERATION BRIDGE Winning entries from the Parkland School divisions Festival of the Arts. Until Jul 3

### MUTTART CONSERVATORY

9626-96A St. 496-8755 SUMMER PORTRAITS: Until July 7.

PROVINCIAL MUSEUM OF

ALBERT A

ANCIENT OLYMPICS: "sporting" activities,
traditional native games, rock wall painting,
face painting, entertainment - music, native
denoing, storytelling, demonstrations. SUN 30-MON 1; noon-5PM

# MOIN 1; noon-3PM JEWELS OF FRANCE: Over 200 pieces of jewellery, 1860-1900 Until Aug 25 JUNGLE FEVER THE QUEST FOR MEDICINAL PLANTS: The medicinal qualities of plant roots fruit and leaves. Until Aug 16.

REYNOLDS-ALBERTA MUSEUM. Wetaskrwin, Highway 13, 1-800-661-4726.
Bicycles, cars, farm equipment... reflections of Alberta's transportation history. Open daily.

11153 Saskatchewan Dr. 427-2022

THE TELEPHONE

HISTORICAL CENTRE 10437-83 Ave. 441-2077

# Set in the original Old Strathcona Telephone Exchange Building (1912)

UKRAINIAN CULTURAL HERITAGE VILLAGE 25 Minutes east of Edmonton on Hwy 16.662-

This site tells the story of Ukrainian immigrants and the development of the Bloc Settlement in East Central Alberta from 1892-1930

Humanities & Socal Sciences Library, 492-3794

SACRED TIME. The Book of Hours from the
Middle Ages to the Present Day. Until Sept 6.

### THEATRE

IMPOSSIBLE MISSION brations, Neighbourhood Inn, 13103 Fort Rd,

448-9339 When a Las Vegas casino owner suspects embezzlement and foul play amongst his management staff, the "Impossible Mission" team is called in. June 28-Sept 1.

### JOHNNY & POKI

VARIETY HOUR Varscona Theatre, 10329-83 Ave, 433-3399
Johnny Reno welcomes Poki Schvadtar back
from London. Every SAT night @ IIPM.
SAME TIME NEXT YEAR

Mayfield Theatre Restaurant, 16615-109 Ave, 483-4051 Romantic comedy. A love affair happens only once a year for 25 years. Until Jul 14.

### NOT THE COUNT OF MONTE CRISTON

Cabaret-style entertainment, ideal for everyone age nine and up. The audience boos, hisses and applauds upon command. Theatre bloopers abound as the cast acts out a play within a play

### THE TAMING OF THE SHREW

Heritage Amphitheatre, Hawrelak Park, 425-0086
Sparks fly as two headstrong lovers match wits and vie for each other's heart in this classic battle of the secent JUES-SUINS, @ 7 PM and SUN mat @ 2 PM, July 4-19.

### THEATRESPORTS

Varscona Theatre, 10329-83 Ave. 448-0695 Rapid Fire Theatre, live improv. FRI's @ 11

## TONY N' TINA'S WEDDING Garnesu United Church, 11148-84 Ave, Garnes Community Hell, 10943-84 Ave, 451-8000, 448 2517.

Come to the wildest wackiest Italian Weddi you will ever expenence. Feel free to dress up, tacky if you wish, and don't hesitate to bring a gift. Come and interact with our wardous variety of zany characters from the training families and become one of our lost relatives. Until July 29.

## TEN DECADES THAT SHOOK THE WORLD

Prince of Wales Armouries, 2nd R, 10440-108 Ave. 451-4192 Five school children find themselves on a journey through time. They encounter famou-personalities. An exploration 1900 to present

### YUK YUK'S

Bourbon Street, WEM, 481-9857 Variety Night every Wed.

Hwy19 2 kms West of Hwy 2, 493-9000

OVAL RACING

### FRI 5: Snap-on Nite Thunder

# FRI 28: High School Street legal Drags FRI 5: High School Street Legal Drags SUNSET SPEEDWAY

SUN 30-SAT 6: Second Annual, Pee Wee and Bantam aged players showcasing their all-star

SUN 30: Trappers vs Tucson, 8:05 PM

TUE 2: Trappers vs Tucson, 7:05 PM

WED 3: Trappers vs Tucson, 7:05 PM THU 4: Trappers vs Calgary, 7:05 PM

### FRI 5: Trappers vs Calgary, 7:05 PM HORSE RACING

# SAT 29: Thoroughbred racing, 1 PM SUN 30: Thoroughbred racing, 1 PM

LITERARY EVENTS

### 10768-82 Avenue, 439-3941 every TUE: World Series Poetry MEETINGS/

# CITY PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

GRANT MACEWAN

# UPWARD BOUND TOASTMASTERS

# every WED: Communication & Leadership Programs

### VARIETY

124 Street Area, 482-5552 SAT 29: Huge Block Party and Food Festival

CARIWEST

## SAT 29: Dance

# SAT 29: Parade Woodcroft Comms

I Sir Winston Churchill Square, 496-8255 THU 27: Dim Sum Festival

inity League, 421-7800

### SPORTS EVENTS

CAPITAL RACEWAY

FRI 28: Colorfast Family Nite Thunder

### DRAG BACING

CHALLENGE

# Westaskiwin, 467-9276 SAT 29: Late Models & Hobby Stocks EDMONTON ELITE HOCKEY

Clareview and Castledowns Recreation Centres 475-2527

EDMONTON TRAPPERS Telus Field, 10233-96 Ave, 429-2934

MON I: Trappers vs Tucson, TBA

Northlands, Spectrum
FRI 28: Thoroughbred racing, 6 PM

## MISTY MOUNTAIN MUSINGS

Misty Mountain, 104588-82 Ave, 433-3512 every SUN: Open Stage Poetry and Prose Readings

## ORLANDO BOOKS

10640-82 Avenue, 432-7633 FRI 28: Maureen Irwin & N PERSIMINIONS

WORKSHOPS/ **LECTURES** 

# Evansdale Community League, 9115-150 Ave, 496-6207 WED 3: Proposed Changes to Klarvatten Area

# City Centre, 10700-104 Avenue, 497-5682 THU 4: Making Contemporary Cardboard

Heritage Room, City Hall, 1 Sir Winston Churchill Square, 988-8563

124 STREET

FRI 28: Caribbean Extravaganza

## 124th Street & 102 Avenue, 421-7800

# CITY HALL

FORT EDMONTON PARK

MON I Dominion Day
GIOVANNI CABOTO PARK

NATIONAL ICE THEATRE OF CANADA SUN 30: 2nd Annual Golf Tourn

Motel Macdonald, 10065-100 Street, 988-8914

TUE 2: Newsline on Air with the Mayor Public

95 Street & 109 Avenue, 424-4869 RIVERSIDE GOLF COURSE 2630 Rowland Rd. 433-9411

NEWSLINE

City Hall, 440-6329

DANCE

SIDETRACK CAFE

10333-112 Street, 421-1326 every SUN: Variety Night

BRIAN WEBB DANCE

KIDS STUFF

CAPILANO LIBRARY

210 Capilano Mall, 496-1802 WED 3: Adventure on the High S

15333 Castledowns Road, 496-1804 FRI 5: Make a Treasure Map

CENTENNIAL LIBRARY 7 Sir Winston Churchill Square, 496-7000

every MON: Drop-in Daycare

HIGHLANDS LIBRARY

IDYLWYLDELIBRARY

IASPER PLACE LIBRARY 9010-156 Street, 496-1810

6710-118 Avenue, 496-1806

THE 2: Hidden Treasure:

every WED: Family Funting LONDONDERRY LIBRARY

137 Avenue & 66 Street, 496-1814

MILLWOODSLIBRARY Millwoods Towne Centre, 496-1818

every WED: Storytime Fun

SOUTHGATE LIBRARY

51 Avenue & 111 Street, 496-1822

every TUE: PRESCHOOL STORYTIME

every WED: Drop-in Pyjama Storytime

every TUE &THU: Make Reading Club Displays

ALBERTA

COLLEGE

BRYAN HALL

7-9 PM

WEDNESDAY JULY 3

SPRUCEWOOD LIBRARY

STRATHCONA LIBRARY

every TUE PRESCHOOL STORYTIME

every TUE: Hidden Treasures Progr

11555-95 Street, 496-7099

8331-104 Street, 496-1828

EDMONTON ART GALLERY

2 Sir Winston Churchill Square, 422-6223 SUN 30: End of School Bash

FRI S: Yo-ho-ho and a Chest Full of Fun

**CASTLEDOWNS LIBRARY** 

CALDERLIBRARY 12522-132 Avenue, 496-7090 TUE 2: Yo-ho-ho and a Chest Full of Fun

ohn L Hear Theatre, Grant MacEwan, JP Campus, 497-4416 THU 27: Intempco '96 the Invisible Line

# Highligh

2889 · Deadline 3:00 pm Friday

THU

BRIAN WEEB DANCE PRESENTS INTEMPCO '96: THE INVISIBLE LINE

John L Haar Theatre, Grant McEwan College JP Campus, 497-4416

A dance presentation with collaborating a Robin Poitras, A Jocelyne Montpetit, and Edward Poitras

DIM SUM FESTIVAL

Plaza, Southside, City Hall, 944-3188 Fun for the kids and food for the family

E HANNERHEAD CONSORT IN CONCERT

icdonald Drive, 425-7401 Program includes Bartok, Bashaw, Daniel, and Marty

Tipc adult \$10, student/senior \$5

28 CARIWEST CARIBBEAN FXTHAVAGANZA

WEM, Upper Level, 3rd Phase, 421-7800 Features Caribbean bands Time: doors 6:30pm; Tibe adult \$10, kid \$5 JAZZ CITY HIGHLIGHTS

Westin Hotel, 10135-100 Street, 451-8000 World Music Party with master guitarists Strunz & Farah Time: 8:30pm; Toc \$22

Power Plant, U of A, 429-3101 The very wise Bob Wisema Time: 9:30pm; Tipc \$9

THE WORKS CHOICE PICKS Harcourt House, 10215-112 Street, 426-4180

Noked IV-drawings, painting, and sculpture Time: 10:00am-5:00pm; Admission is free

Brown paper packages, opening reception. Time: 7:30 pm; Admission is free MUSTARD SEED STREET CHURCH BENEFIT

McDougall United Church, 10086 Macdonald Dr., 428-1818

Time: 8:00pm; Tbc \$10
PATRICIA CONROY IN CONCERT

Heritage Amplitheatre, Hawrelak Park, 451-8000 With special guests the Foggy Minded Mountain Boys

Time: 7:00pm; Tic \$10.75

T.R.I.O. A MONO IN CONCERT Festival Place, 100 Festival Way, Sherwood Park, 449-FEST

A cappella pop quintet Time: 7:30pm Tix advance \$7.50, at the door \$8.50

29

124TH STREET BLOCK PARTY AND FOOD FESTIVAL

AND FOOD FESTIVAL

124th Street & 106 Avenue, 482-5552

All day family event. Featuring Tilo Patz,
Rusty Reed, PJ Perry, food festival from 124th
street resturant, and a beer garden
Time: 11:00am-12:00pm; Admission is free

ALL AGES ALTERNATIVE GIG

Fulton Place Hall, 6115 Fulton Road, 462-1784
Featuring Knee Deep in Grass, Fuel, Xilth
House, Welfare Tuxedo, Bell Jar Blues Band,
Darksand Time: 7:00pm

nce at Sonix \$5, at the door \$6

CARIWEST FETE
W.E.M., Upper Level, 3rd Phase, 421-7800
Featuring Scarlet Evolution and a Caribbear food bar Time: 8:00pr

Tix advance \$20, at the door \$25

ritage Ampitheatre, Hawrelak Park, 451-8000 An edectic collection percussion groups and

JAZZ CITY HIGHLIGHTS

Westin Hotel, 10135-100 Street, 451-8000 Jazz meets new wave. The Jazz Passengers with Deborah Harry (aka Blondie) Time. 8:30pm;

THE WORKS CHOICE PICKS

Latitude 53, The Great West Saddlery Building, 10137-104 Screet, 423-5353

Opening reception of Sightling the Moletransforming male body image.

Performances by Daron Hagin & Leo Compas. Time: 8 pur Assussable 5 fee.

JUN 30

**CARIWEST BLOCKORAMA** Woodcroft Community League, 13775-115 Ave, 421-7800 Family fun with music, food, and dancing

Time: 10:00am-6:00pm

**GIOVANNI CABOTO DAY** 

Giovanni Caboto Park, 95 Street & 109 Avenu 424-4869

Time: 12:00pm-12:00am

JAZZ CITY HIGHLIGHTS

Jazz City in the park. Featuring the Urban Jazz Ensemble, Screaming Headless Torsos and the Jimi Hendro Project. Time: 2:00-10:00pm Toc \$14

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DOMINION DAY CELEBRATIONS Fort Edmonton Park, Fox Drive & Whitemud, 496-8771

Time: 10:00am-6:00pm

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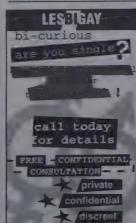
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